



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0055

Zoning - Conditional Use Retail Goods Establishment (With Alcoholic Beverages Sales) –
2600 North Howard Street

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: July 20, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:24 PM

Time (Ending): 2:42 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~45

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file?..... yes no n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
Agency reports read? yes no n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Stokes
Seconded by: Councilmember Bullock
Final Vote: Favorable with Amendment

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Mr. Martin French, Planning Commission
- Mr. Victor Tervalá, Law Department

- Mr. Camyn Bodden, Department of Housing and Community Development
 - Mr. Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
 - Ms. Raven Thompson, Baltimore Development Corporation
 - Ms. Shannon Conway, Police Department
 - Ms. Kristen Misage, Parking Authority for Baltimore City
 - Ms. Nina Themelis, Office of the Mayor
 - Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Board of Liquor Licenses Commissioners
 - Ms. Caroline Hecker, representing the owner
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and read the bill into the record.
 2. Martin French presented the Planning Commission's report which supports the bill. He explained the Department of Planning's findings and presented an amendment. He explained that the amendment to apply the conditional use to a portion of the structure on the property addresses community concerns.
 3. Agency representatives provided reports for their respective agencies.
 4. Mr. Nicholas Blendy expressed the importance of the amendment. Currently, the structure has the potential to have two liquor licenses on site. By amending the bill and floor plan, the conditions would apply to a separate and distinct portion of the structure on the property, allowing the owner of each portion to have a liquor license.
 5. Ms. Caroline Hecker testified that the owner has no objection to the amendments. The committee received a letter of support from the Greater Remington Improvement Association, which supports the bill.
 6. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony.
 7. The committee approved findings and the Department of Planning's amendment.
 8. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with the amendment.
 9. The hearing was adjourned.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair:..... Yea
John Bullock: Yea
Mark Conway: Yea
Ryan Dorsey: Yea
Antonio Glover:..... Yea
Odette Ramos: Yea
Robert Stokes:..... Yea

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