



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 24-0583

The 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Eric Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Time (Beginning): 10:20 AM
Time (Ending): 12:15 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 45 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually
Committee Members in Attendance:
Kristerfer Burnett Danielle McCray Ryan Dorsey
Eric Costello Robert Stokes

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
Hearing televised 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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Sara Paraniham, Policy & Data Analysis, Division Chief, Department of Planning
- Sophia Hosain, Zero Waster Manager, DPW
- Kim Grove, DPW
- Ty’lor Schnella, Mayor’s Office

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello went over the agency reports with agency representatives.

2. The Law department recommended a technical amendment.
3. Chairman Costello motioned to move the Law Department's technical amendment. A vote was taken; the amendment passed Favorably.
4. Sara Paraniyam discussed the amendments recommended by the Department of Planning. Chairman Costello noted that they will not motion their amendments at this hearing as they must be drafted and are lengthy. They will revisit this at the October 29th hearing.
5. Councilmember Burnett asked DPW what methods they have to move the city away from utilizing the incinerator. They noted they've created a 10-year plan focused on investment and infrastructure to cease relying on incineration.
6. Councilmember Burnett asked about repeated flooding in certain areas and how DPW is working with the Planning Department to address this issue. DPW discussed some of the collaboration they're doing with Planning and the Mayor's Office, including work groups on interventions.
7. Councilmember Dorsey commented on housing expansion and options in the city, particularly NIMBYs and bad faith actors related to water and sewage infrastructure. DPW noted that all developers must get a water and wastewater permit from a particular office, and they collaborate with multiple agencies depending on the utility. There are also time-sensitive requirements to obtain permits, and some issues they are already aware of and have already included them on their capital improvement plans.
8. Councilmember Stokes noted that in Broadway East, between Wolf and Washington st., there is flooding. He asked if DPW had a list of communities that flood. DPW coordinated with OEM and has a list of commonly flooded streets. They're working with OEM, Office of Sustainability, and Housing to determine communities.
9. Councilmember McCray discussed reviving a community engagement and a public education campaign focused on neighborhood cleanliness. DPW noted they would follow up with them.
10. Councilmember McCray asked about BCRP's funding request from earlier in the hearing. BCRP noted it wasn't a specific request, but will go towards a plan that is being drafted.
11. Vice President Middleton discussed the need for health communities, and the plans to increase collaboration to promote neighborhood cleanliness. Ty'lor Schnell noted that the Mayor is committed to promoting a cleaner and greener Baltimore City, and they have yearly and long-term goals, including the Clean Corps Program.
12. Councilmember Dorsey discussed transit-oriented development and noted that it is not reflected in the Plan. Planning noted they are looking beyond just rail for the City, including North Avenue Rising project and the East-West Rising project.
13. Councilmember Dorsey discussed underutilized properties and the physical barriers to growth in high-opportunity areas. Noted the Plan doesn't look beyond what they can do today.
14. Councilmember Burnett asked Planning about collaboration public safety strategies, including crime trends and future construction/development. Planning noted they worked with MONSE to develop a pilot study in the Boyd-Booth neighborhood, which would involve collaboration from multiple agencies.
15. Councilmember Burnett discussed items related to BCPSS, Planning, and workforce development.
16. Councilmember McCray discussed Middle Neighborhoods and asked about strategies concerning the retention of legacy residents. Vice President Middleton noted that she agrees with this point.
17. Vice President discussed group homes that change the make-up of neighborhoods.

18. Councilmember Dorsey asked about the Equitable Access Transportation section of the Plan and the Greenways Trail Network sections.
19. Several community members gave testimony, related to some of the topics below:
 - a. Increase community engagement on the Plan
 - b. Halt voting on the Plan until more community input
 - c. Land use map adoption
20. No vote taken. Hearing recessed.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes **No**

- Councilmember McCray – Provide the cost of a full-blown community engagement strategy and public awareness campaign on neighborhood cleanliness.

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Niya N. Garrett, Committee Staff

Date: November 26, 2024

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Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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