




MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 2020
TO: Land Use Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: No Objection
SUBJECT: Council Bill 20-0497 –Zoning – Conditional Use Parking Lot – A Portion of the Property known as 201 Reedbird Avenue

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 20-0497 introduced by The Council President at the request of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance and operation of a parking lot on a portion of the property known as 201 Reedbird Avenue (Block 7612L, Lot 001A).

BRIEF HISTORY

Baltimore City Parks and Recreation intends to build a new fitness and wellness center in the Cherry Hill Neighborhood on Reedbird Street. The new center will include a gymnasium, multipurpose studios, classrooms, maker space, and an indoor track. As part of the new development, the exterior grounds of the park will be improved to offer multipurpose fields (able to accommodate soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.), exercise stations, and walking paths. The development plans of the space also include a parking lot to support the new destination recreational space. This project carries a significant amount of investment to further community development goals in the neighborhood at a time when stakeholders are advocating for increased and broader access to health and wellness spaces. The construction of this new facility along with the installation of the parking lot encourages even more participation and visitors to the new center and Cherry Hill neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation has **No Objection** to City Council Bill 20-0497.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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