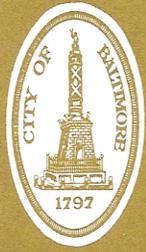


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Chris Ryer, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Planning 417 East Fayette Street, 8 th Floor		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0524/ CITY STREETS - CLOSING – 10-FOOT ALLEY BOUNDED BY HARFORD ROAD, NORMAL AVENUE, AND CLIFTVIEW AVENUE		

DATE: August 27, 2020

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #20-0524, which is for the purpose of condemning and closing a 10-foot alley bounded by Harford Road, Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue, as shown on Plat 161-A-65A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

The Planning Commission reviewed this alley closing in their meeting of February 20, 2020. In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #20-0524 and adopted the following resolution; eight members being present (eight in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #20-0524 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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attachment

cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office
Mr. Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office
Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
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PLANNING COMMISSION

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STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer
Director

February 20, 2020

REQUEST: Street Closing/ Closing a ten-foot alley, rear of 2319-2327 Harford Road for the Department of Housing and Community Development

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Eric Tiso

PETITIONER: The Department of Housing and Community Development

OWNER: The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The alley proposed for closure extends southward from Normal Avenue, and runs parallel to the east side of Harford Road.

General Area: This site is located on the western edge of the Darley Park neighborhood, sharing a boundary with the East Baltimore Midway neighborhood across Harford Road to the west. This neighborhood is predominantly residential in character, mostly represented by rowhomes, with the exception of the Harford Road commercial corridor. The District Court building is located five blocks south on Harford Road.

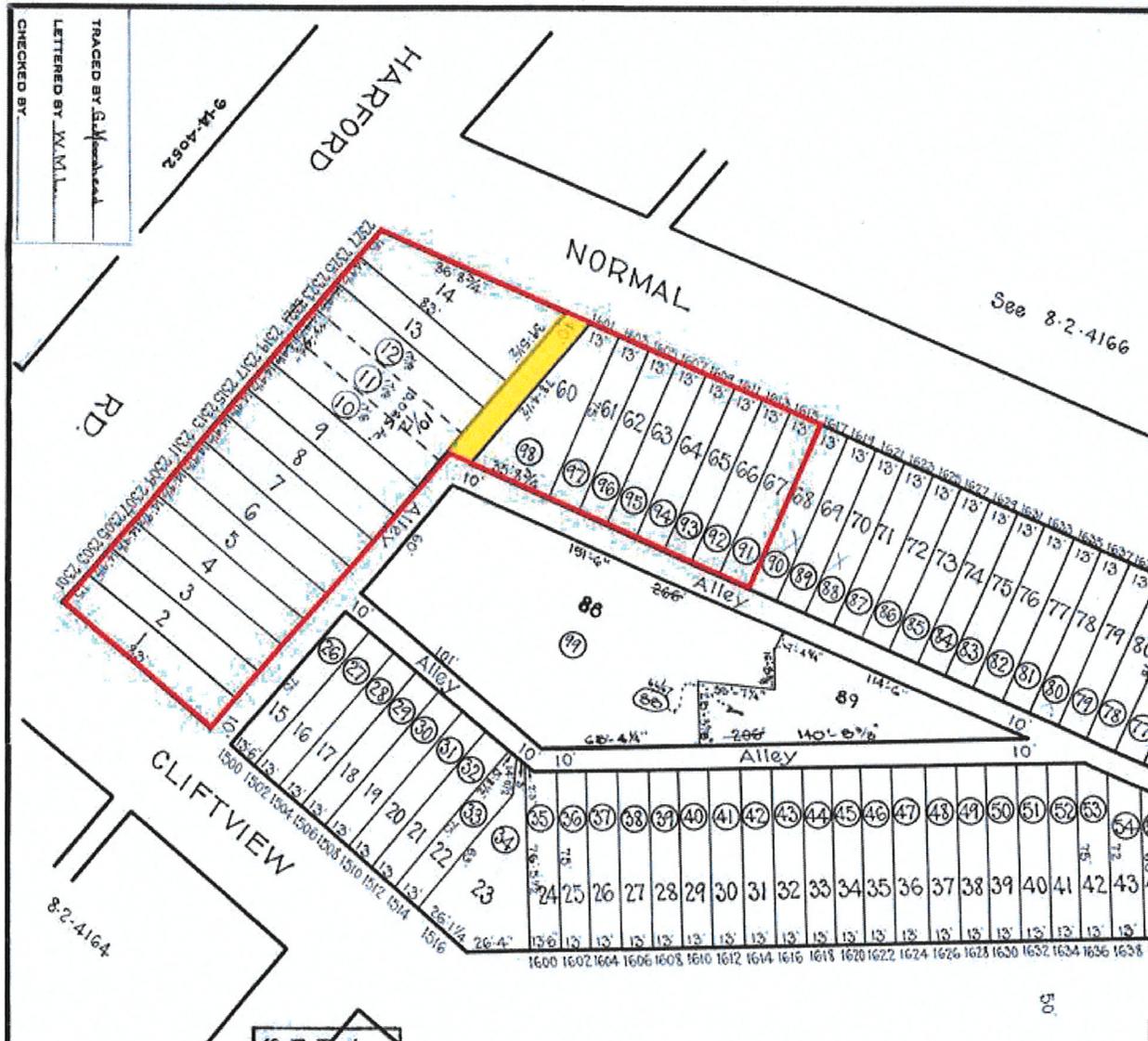
HISTORY

There are no previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

Background: The alley proposed for closure is bordered by properties owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. This closure will allow for the consolidation of the lots to connect the two parts of the new park in this area. The connecting alleys will remain accessible for adjacent property owners. For that reason, Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission find that this portion of the alley is no longer needed for public purposes, and that it may be closed and sold.

The alley to be closed is highlighted below in yellow within Block 4165, and the boundaries of the park are outlined in red:



Notification: The Darley Park Neighborhood Improvement Association has been notified of this action.

Chris Ryer
Director