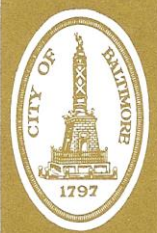


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Chris Ryer, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO 
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Planning 417 East Fayette Street, 8 th Floor	
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0553 / URBAN RENEWAL – WASHINGTON VILLAGE – AMENDMENT ___	

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

DATE: August 21, 2020

At its regular meeting of August 20, 2020, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #20-0553, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Washington Village to revise an exhibit to the Renewal Plan to reflect the addition of a new disposition lot and to clarify and correct certain references in the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #20-0553 and adopted the following resolution; nine members being present (nine in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #20-0553 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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STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer
Director

August 20, 2020

REQUEST: City Council Bill #20-0553/ Urban Renewal – Washington Village – Amendment 8 :

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RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Jeff La Noue

PETITIONER: Baltimore City Department of Planning

OWNER: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: 856 Washington Boulevard is located on the north side of the street at the intersection with Archer Street. This property measures 66' by 100', and is currently zoned C-1. The site is improved with an older, single-story structure dating from 1975, containing approximately 3,000 sf above grade, used as a library fronting Washington Boulevard on the Pigtown Main Street.

General Area:

The site is within the Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan boundaries. The library is on Washington Blvd. west of Martin Luther King Blvd. and east of Carroll Park.

HISTORY

- The Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was established by Ord. #1128 on June 27, 1979. The last Amendment #07 enacted by Ord. #14-256, dated June 17, 2014.

ANALYSIS

Background: The Pratt Library, with the assistance of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC), seeks to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the property. Before an RFP can be issued, an amendment to the Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan (URP) must be passed in order to authorize the disposition of the property and change the land use. Authorizing the site as a disposition lot will allow for the sale of land, and the change in land use for the site to allow for a mixed-use development which includes a larger library space.

The amendment will change Exhibit 1 “Land Use” Plan by removing the P, which denotes a public use. This will allow the property to have a potential use other than public. Exhibit #3 “Disposition” will also be changed to show the library location for disposition. Other changes are made to clarify and simplify, but the only content change relates to the subject property. The other property shown on the map for disposition remains, but has been renumbered for clarity.

Notification: The Citizens of Pigtown, Pigtown Main Street, and Southwest Partnership. A letter of support from Pigtown Main Street was received.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Ryer
Director