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HEARING NOTES

Ordinance: 19-0453

Rezoning - 3127 East Baltimore Street

Committee: Land Use
Chaired by: Councilmember Edward Reisinger

Hearing Date: November 10, 2020
Time (Beginning): 11:20 AM
Time (Ending): 12:05 PM
Location: Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 30 people

Committee Members in Attendance:
Edward Reisinger Shannon Sneed
Mary Pat Clarke Eric Costello
Ryan Dorsey Sharon Green Middleton
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Motioned by: Dorsey
Seconded by: Clarke
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Matthew DeSantis, Department of Planning
Eric Tiso, Department of Planning
Victor Tervalá, Department of Law
Joseph Woolman, Representative for the Applicant

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Reisinger called the hearing to order, read the bill number and purpose, and confirmed that the public notice requirements were met.
2. Councilman Cohen discussed the background and history of the property. He also explained that the surrounding area has seen a lot of residential and commercial growth.
3. Matthew DeSantis explained that the Planning Commission would hear the bill on November 12 and that the Planning Staff are concerned that there may not be facts sufficient to support a finding of mistake in the existing zoning or a significant change in the area. He and Eric Tiso also responded to committee member questions concerning zoning for churches in general.
4. Victor Tervalá summarized the Law Department’s written report and responded to committee questions.
5. Representatives for other City agencies confirmed the recommendations in the agencies’ written reports.
6. Joseph Woolman discussed facts supporting the required findings to rezone the property.
7. The committee voted to approve the findings of fact.
8. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes **No**

If yes, describe.

The Planning Commission will hear the bill on November 12 and submit a report as soon as possible.

Committee Vote:

E. Reisinger: **Yea**
S. Sneed: **Yea**
M. Clarke: **Yea**
E. Costello: **Yea**
R. Dorsey: **Yea**
S. Middleton: **Yea**
L. Pinkett: **Yea**
R. Stokes: **Nay**



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: November 12, 2020

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