

TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Council President Brandon M. Scott
FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director
DATE: March 6, 2020
RE: Council Bill 20-0497



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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0497 introduced by The Council President at the request of The Administration (Department of Recreation and Parks).

The purpose of this bill is for 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 (Cherry Hill Park/Reedbird Park); and providing for a special effective date.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) reviewed the proposed legislation. A site visit was conducted during the first week of March 2020. The PABC does not currently administer parking programs in the park or on the park's frontage on Reedbird Avenue. The PABC has determined that this legislation and associated project should improve access to the site and reduce the demand for on-street parking. However, the PABC suggests that community input be sought, if it has not already been, prior to implementation of this project. There is currently ample unrestricted parking on Reedbird Avenue. Also, the PABC supports using semi-pervious materials, such as grass-crete and pervious pavers, for new parking lots (subject to Baltimore City Building Code).

Based on the comments above, the PABC does not oppose the passage of City Council Bill 20-0497.