



<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR 	CITY of BALTIMORE  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #21-0090 / CITY STREETS - CLOSING - ETTING STREET AND FOUR 10 FOOT ALLEYS BOUNDED BY DRUID HILL AVENUE, GOLD STREET, DIVISION STREET AND BAKER STREET		

**TO**

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

DATE: June 28, 2021

At its regular meeting of June 24, 2021, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #21-0090, for the purpose of condemning and closing of Etting Street and four ten-foot alleys bounded by Druid Hill Avenue, Gold Street, Division Street and Baker Street as shown on a plat numbered 337-A-28A and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

The Planning Commission previously reviewed this street closing request in their meeting of November 13, 2020, and their prior approval memo and staff report are attached here. The Planning Commission recommends approval of City Council Bill #21-0090 and adopted the following resolutions; eight members being present (eight in favor):


RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, adopts the findings outlined in the staff report, and recommends that City Council Bill #21-0090 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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cc: Ms. Natasha Mehu, Mayor's Office  
Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Eric Costello, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
Mr. Matthew Stegman, City Council President's Office  
Ms. Nikki Thompson, City Council President's Office  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC  
Ms. Kathleen Byrne, BMZA  
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD  
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.  
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Mr. Liam Davis, DOT  
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
Mr. Dominic McAlily, Council Services

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	SUBJECT	STREET CLOSING / CLOSING OF ETING STREET AND SEVERAL ALLEYS, BLOCK 303 – DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		

**TO** Mr. Steve Sharkey, Director  
Department of Transportation  
417 East Fayette Street, Benton Building 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

DATE: November 13, 2020

This is to inform you that on November 13, 2020, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the closing of Etting Street and several alleys in Block 303, as illustrated in the attached staff report. The purpose of this closure is for the Department of Housing and Community Development, in order to assemble properties for the future development of a public park.

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cc: Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW  
Mr. David Framm, DOT  
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Mr. Bil Burgee, DHCD



Bernard C. "Jack" Young  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chairman

### STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer  
Director

November 12, 2020

**REQUEST:** Closing of Etting Street and several alleys, Block 303 – Department of Housing and Community Development

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Eric Tiso

**PETITIONER:** Department of Housing and Community Development

**OWNERS:** Multiple

#### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

Site Conditions: Block 303 is bordered by the 2200-block of Druid Heights Avenue (one block south of West North Avenue) on the northeast side, the 500-block of Gold Street on the southeast, the 2200-block of Division Street on the southwest, and the 500-block of Baker Street on the northwest. Most of the properties immediately bordering the proposed closures have been cleared. Of the remaining structures, most are vacant and boarded, with the exception of a couple of individual homes and the Patterson-Asbury AME Zion Church.

General Area: This block is located in the Druid Heights neighborhood, which is approximately bordered by West North Avenue on the north, McCulloh Street on the east, Laurens Street on the south, and Pennsylvania Avenue on the west. This neighborhood is predominantly residential in nature, with rowhomes comprising the majority of the housing stock. Institutional uses are scattered throughout, and some commercial uses are located on the primary streets on the periphery.

#### **HISTORY**

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

#### **ANALYSIS**

Background: The Department of Housing and Community Development is in the process of assembling the properties in the middle of this block. The majority of properties are already owned by the Mayor and City Council. Upon completion of the assembly, there will be no further purpose for these rights of way as a street or alleys. The purpose of the assembly is to allow for the redevelopment of a public park. For these reasons, staff recommends that this street and the related alleys are no longer needed for rights-of-way, and should be closed and consolidated for redevelopment. A block plat is attached at the end of this report, showing the street and alleys to be closed highlighted in green.

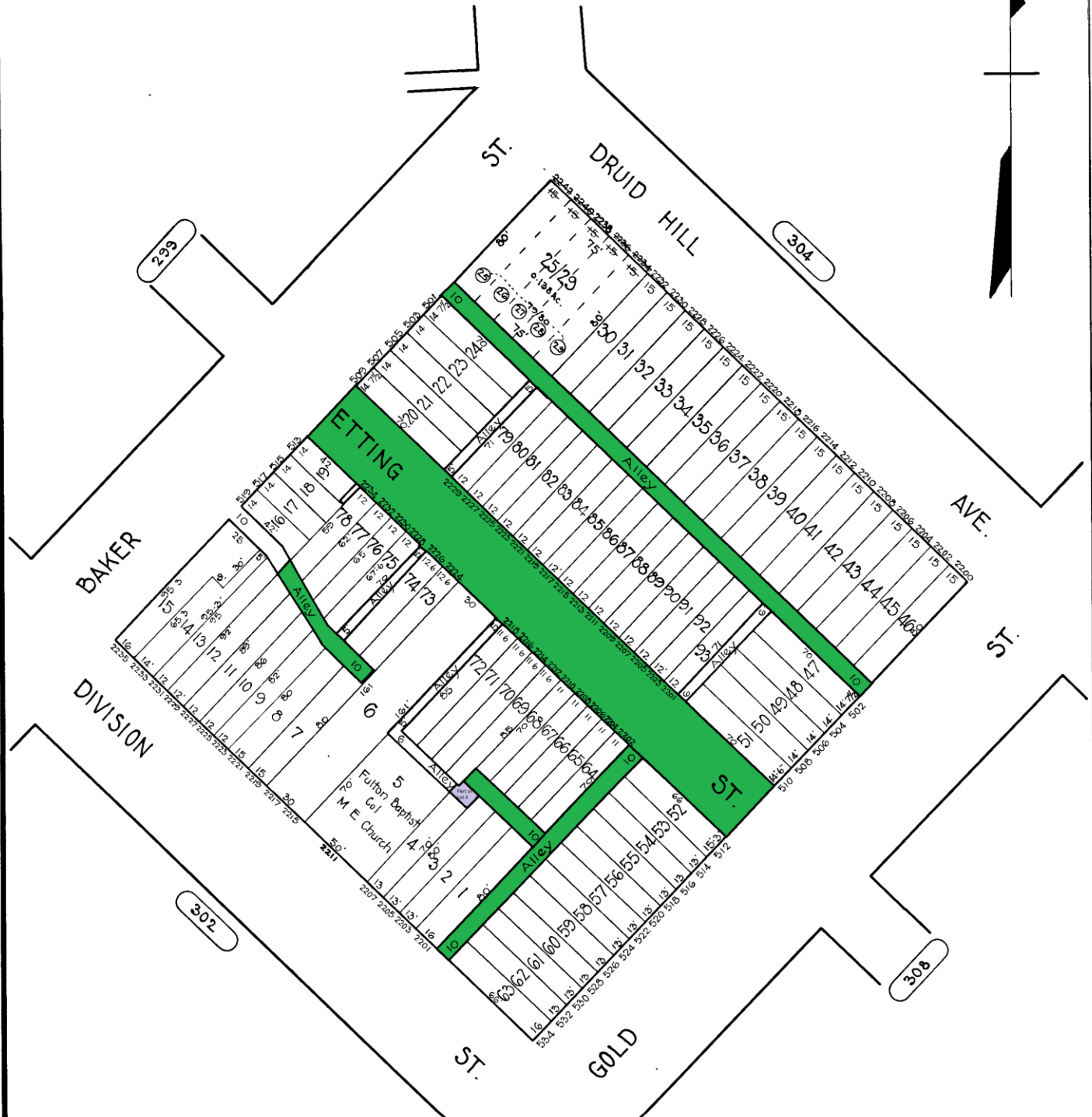
Notification: The Druid Heights Community Development Corporation and Patterson-Asbury AME Zion Church have been notified of this action.



**Chris Ryer**  
**Director**

**REVISIONS**

LOTS 25 THRU 29 CONS'D. PER APP. C. SH. 80-158.



**NOTICE**

THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ARTICLE 76(d) OF THE CITY CHARTER IT IS COMPILED FROM TITLE AND OTHER SOURCES AND IS NOT AN AUTHENTIC SURVEY

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
 BUREAU OF SURVEYS  
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION  
 WARD 14 SECTION 5  
 BLOCK 303  
 SCALE 1" = 50'-0" DATE July 1929

TRACED BY *G. Moorehead*  
 LETTERED BY *W. M. Lee*  
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