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HEARING NOTES

Ordinance: 20-0497

Zoning - Conditional Use Parking Lot - A Portion of the Property known as 201 Reedbird Avenue

Committee: Land Use
Chaired by: Councilmember Edward Reisinger

Hearing Date: June 24, 2020
Time (Beginning): 1:35 PM
Time (Ending): 2:05 PM
Location: Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 40 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? [ ] YES [X] NO [X] 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? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Motioned by: Costello
Seconded by: Stokes
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Matthew DeSantis, Department of Planning
Elena DiPietro, Department of Law
Reginald Moore, Department of Recreation and Parks
Adam Boarman, Department of Recreation and Parks

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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Reisinger called the hearing to order; read the bill number, title, and purpose; and confirmed that the public notice requirements were met.
2. Adam Boarman presented on the Department of Recreation and Parks' planned improvements in Reedbird Park, including the subject parking lot. He also shared letters of support from the surrounding communities and other stakeholders. Mr. Boarman explained that the parking lot would provide 103 parking spaces to serve park users.
3. Councilman Reisinger noted that the park improvements and the parking lot have broad community support and that the parking lot will help prevent parking shortages in the surrounding community.
4. Councilman Dorsey asked how much of the total project cost was going to the parking lot. Adam Boarman explained that the parking lot will take approximately \$900,000 of the total \$23 million budget for the park improvements.
5. Councilman Dorsey noted that he opposes building parking lots in open space. He further stated that the Department of Recreation and Parks should do transportation studies before planning any future parking lots in City parks, because parking availability will increase traffic in the area.
6. Councilwoman Middleton and Councilman Reisinger noted that the park is served by public transportation. Adam Boarman also explained that the Department is working on safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians around the park.
7. Matthew DeSantis summarized the Planning Commission's findings and recommendations.
8. Elena DiPietro confirmed the recommendations in the Law Department's written report.
9. Representatives from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, and Parking Authority confirmed the recommendations in their agencies' written reports.
10. Michael Middleton noted the community's support for the park improvements and the parking lot, and urged the Committee to support the bill.
11. Director Moore discussed how the parking lot will support the Department' efforts to better serve Baltimore communities.
12. The committee voted to approve the findings of fact.
13. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

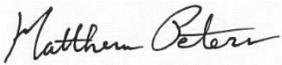
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**Committee Vote:**

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

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Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: June 25, 2020

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