
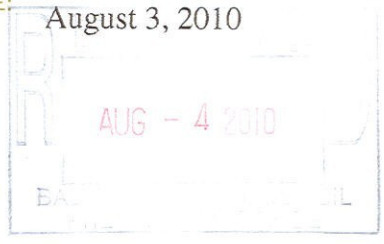


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0488 Planned Unit Development – Designation - 25th Street Station		

TO

DATE: August 3, 2010



The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS discussed the **City Council Bill 10-0488** Planned Unit Development - Designation - 25th Street Station bill at the July 27, 2010 meeting.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Cleanliness Goal 3: Transform vacant lots from liabilities to assets that provide social and environmental benefits;
 - Strategy D: Return abandoned properties to productive use
- Pollution Prevention Goal 2: Improve Baltimore’s air quality and eliminate Code Red days;
- Resource Conservation Goal 4: Maximize reuse and recycling of materials;
 - Strategy D: Preserve, reuse, and recycle buildings and related materials
- Greening Goal 1: Double Baltimore’s Tree Canopy by 2037;
 - Strategy F: Identify and pursue opportunities for increasing trees planted on private property
 - Strategy G: Increase tree plantings in sidewalks, medians, and other public right of ways
- Green Economy Goal 2: Make Baltimore a center for Green Business
 - Strategy C: Encourage construction industry to use “green” building practices
- Green Economy Goal 4: Raise Baltimore’s profile as a forward thinking, green city
 - Strategy D: Support innovative and pilot projects and technologies

The CoS would like to note however that a few additional issues should be addressed by this development. First, more attention needs to be paid to the needs of pedestrians, especially handicapped individuals, and bicyclists as opposed to just improving vehicle access to the site. The Commission would like to see a strategic planning meeting between all local transportation providers and the MTA, to develop a proposal to enhance access to the site. Second, the CoS would like to see this project honor the community’s request for inclusionary housing so as to meet the needs of all those seeking housing. Third, the CoS would like confirmation that adequate space for recycling collection and

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storage will be worked into the final site design. Fourth, the CoS would like the developers to consider the use of a green wall along the 24th Street section of the site to better conceal the parking garage. And lastly, the CoS encourages the developer to consider the social equity aspect of this project, especially the right to a living wage, when selecting vendors to occupy the site.

It was the consensus of the CoS to support City Council Bill # 10-0488 at the July 27, 2010 meeting.

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