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STAFF REPORT

October 11, 2022

REQUEST: Review and Respond to City Council Bill #22-0280 - Urban Renewal – Johnston Square-Amendment

RECOMMENDATION: CHAP has no objection to the amendment

STAFF: Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): The City Council President at the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development

SITE/LOCATION

The Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan Area is located in central Baltimore and is bounded by East Eager Street to the south, I-83 and the Fallsway to the west, Hoffman and Biddle Streets to the north, and Ensor and North Eden Streets to the east. The Johnston Square neighborhood is home to a wide variety of architectural styles resulting from the long period of development. There are no locally designated historic resources located within the Urban Renewal Area.

PROPOSAL

The City Council bill was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendices A and B; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

ANALYSIS

CHAP staff finds that the proposed amendments will have no impact on designated historic properties as the amendments do not affect CHAP's design review authority in its local historic districts.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a finding no objection to the bill.

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Eric L. Holcomb
Executive Director

MAPS & IMAGES



Map with Urban Renewal Plan Boundaries (Orange) including the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan Area (Orange with teal outline), Historic Landmarks (Purple with red outline), and Baltimore City Historic Districts (Blue with red outline)



Aerial Map with Urban Renewal Plan Boundaries (Orange) including the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan Area (Orange with teal outline), Historic Landmarks (Purple with red outline), and Baltimore City Historic Districts (Blue with red outline)