HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0156

Zoning - Conditional Use Parking Lot - 1207 and 1209 E. 43rd Street and 1204 Springfield Avenue

Committee: Economic and Community Development
Chaired By: Councilmember Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: June 14, 2022
Time (Beginning): 2:10 PM
Time (Ending): 3:25 PM
Location: City Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 30
Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock   Mark Conway   Ryan Dorsey   Odette Ramos   Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? .... ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? .... ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Agency reports read?.. ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? .... ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .... ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?............................ ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? .... ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a
Motioned by:……………………………………………………………………**Councilmember** Robert Stokes
Seconded by:………………………………………………………………….**Councilmember** Mark Conway
Final Vote:...Favorable with Amendment

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Martin French, Planning Commission
- Hilary Ruley, Office of the City Solicitor

- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Arco Sen, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- David Greenberg, The League for People with Disabilities, Inc.
- The Honorable Regina Boyce, Maryland General Assembly, 43rd District
- Terri Parrish, Member, Board of Directors for The League for People with Disabilities, Inc.
- Beverly Williams, Community Resident
- Sharice Williams, Community Resident
- Larry Toler, Community Resident
- Melvin Bryant, Community Resident

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Sharon Green Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Martin French testified on behalf of the Planning Commission. He presented the agency's report, findings and recommendations. He also presented the Planning Commission's amendments. The parking lot will create additional parking for people with disabilities. He explained the stormwater management plan for the site.
3. Agency representatives testified on behalf of their respective agencies.
4. The committee discussed the site plan, displaced parking, handicapped parking and community concerns.
5. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony.
6. David Greenberg testified in support of the bill. He explained that the State of Maryland provided over $1 million to help expand disability services offered at the facility. The proposed site enhancements will help rid the area of several dilapidated properties. The League notified community organizations and discussed the proposed plans for the site. The majority of the community supports the parking lot.
7. The Honorable Regina Boyce shared that the 43Rd District Delegation met with Councilmember Dorsey regarding community and housing enhancements for the area.
8. Community residents expressed concerns about nefarious off-hour activities, trash and public safety in the area. Some did not have concern about parking during election cycles. Support was expressed for accessible parking for the disabled. Mr. Greenberg was encouraged to work with residents to address related issues.
9. The committee received communications in support of and in opposition to the bill.
10. Councilmember Dorsey expressed his opposition to the bill.
11. The committee approved amendments.
12. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with amendments.
13. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair **...**Yea
John Bullock: ....Yea
Mark Conway: ....Yea
Ryan Dorsey: ....Nay
Antonio Glover:...Absent
Odette Ramos: ....Yea
Robert Stokes:..Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff   Date: June 15, 2022

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