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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #15-0207R/ INFORMATIONAL HEARING- PARKS AND OPEN SPACE POLICIES

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

DATE: April 13, 2015

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 15-0207R for review.

The Informational Hearing – Park and Open Space Policies resolution is for the purpose of inviting all interested government officials, institutional leaders, and citizens to appear before it to discuss the status of all activities and planning underway in the City that might contribute to either maintaining the current open space estate or improving and expanding upon it, and to raise issues and questions about a governance paradigm for public open space that will ensure that Baltimore has a great and expansive system of public open spaces for the 21st century, one that is of no less vision and grandeur than that which the city had at the beginning of the last century.

The Department of Planning works closely with the Department of Recreation and Parks to help ensure that the Parks Master Plan aligns with the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan, as well as, the needs of individual neighborhoods. The Department of Planning fully supports open space planning and improving our parks and recreational opportunities throughout the City. We recognize the Department of Recreation and Parks as the lead Agency regarding the governance of the City’s parks system, and stand ready to assist them with enhancing and strategically expanding the City’s open space assets, where feasible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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