

## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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### HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0263

#### Landmark List: Exteriors - Harlem Theater

**Committee:** Economic and Community Development

**Chaired By:** Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

**Hearing Date:** March 21, 2023

**Time (Beginning):** 2:13 PM

**Time (Ending):** 2:36 PM

**Location:** City Hall; Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers and WEBEX

**Total Attendance:** ~25

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

John Bullock Mark Conway Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by: .....	Councilmember Bullock		
Seconded by: .....	Councilmember Ramos		
Final Vote: .....	Favorable / Amendment		

#### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember John Bullock, Sponsor
- Lauren Schizik, Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)
- Michelle Toth, Law Department



- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Sophia Gebrehiwot, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
- Mica Fetz, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Leon Miller, Resident of Harlem Park
- Johns Hopkins, Baltimore Heritage
- Nneka Nnamdi, Fight Blight Bmore
- Angela Francis, Curator, Harlem Theatre
- Anthony Francis, Harlem Theatre
- Blanca Tapahuasco, Education Advocate
- Everett Winchester, UNIA
- Bree Johns, Clarity

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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Bullock commented about the significant historical and architectural purpose of the bill and the need to support the efforts to preserve the properties.
3. Lauren Schizik commented about the purpose of the bill and presented CHAP’s recommendations and findings which are outlined in the agency’s report.
4. Agency representatives provided reports for their respective agencies.
5. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony. Community residents testified in favor of the bill emphasizing the cultural, historical and educational value of the theatre that serves as an asset for the community.
6. The committee approved a motion to recommend the bill favorably with a technical amendment.
7. The hearing was adjourned.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

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### Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair:..... Yea  
 John Bullock: ..... Yea  
 Mark Conway: ..... Yea  
 Ryan Dorsey: ..... Absent

Antonio Glover:..... Absent  
Odette Ramos: ..... Yea  
Robert Stokes:..... Yea

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Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: March 21, 2023

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