



HEARING NOTES

Council Bill: 23-0367

Gas-Powered Debris Removal Equipment

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date:

Time (Beginning): 10:04 AM

Time (Ending): 10:53 AM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 26

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey

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
Hearing televised 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 type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Marie Leaport, Greater Baltimore group of the Sierra Club
- Dr. Russell Dickerson, University of Maryland
- Dr. Peter DeCarlo, Associate Professor of Environmental Health and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University
- Amelia Cox, owner of Monarch Mowing
- David Carter, a small business owner in Baltimore
- Richard Reese, a resident of Baltimore

Major Issues Discussed

1. Noise pollution caused by gas-powered leaf blowers, which can lead to hearing damage, stress-related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech interference, and sleep disruption.
 2. Air pollution from gas-powered leaf blowers, including the emission of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds like benzene, a known carcinogen.
 3. Transition to electric and battery-operated leaf blowers, which are quieter, less polluting, and increasingly cost-effective.
 4. The impact on small businesses and the need for a transition period to allow businesses to adapt to new regulations without undue financial strain.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

Deontre Hayes

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Date: June 27, 2024



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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u>							
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
PETER	DECARLO	105 TUNBRIDGE RD (JEM) BALTIMORE, MD 21212	X	X			
Marie	La Porte	2516 Chestnut Woods Ct. Reisterstown Sierra Club marielaporte@verizon.net	X	X			X
Amelia	Cox	Monarch Mowing info@monarchmowing.com	X	X			
David	CARTER	CARTER@dscape86@gmail.com	X				X

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Neka	Beckett Randolph	BTEC neka@moretransitequity.com	✓	✓			✓
Robin	Lopez Robin	Balt Family church HS PLWC					

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City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Health, Environment, and Technology

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

10:01 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2333 388 2493, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m31dbf4640f20e3a21fa7cf0a6663d7eb)
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 4 - Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock, Mark Conway, and Ryan Dorsey

Absent 3 - Phylicia Porter, James Torrence, and Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[23-0367](#)

Prohibition - Gas-Powered Debris Removal Equipment

For the purpose of prohibiting the use of gas-powered debris removal equipment in Baltimore City; defining certain terms; establishing procedures for reporting the use of gas-powered debris removal equipment; establishing certain penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos

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