TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO:

Council President Bernard "Jack" Young

FROM:

Peter Little, Executive Director

DATE:

June 2, 2014

Council Bill 14-0347

RE:



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0347 introduced by Councilmember Reisinger at the request of 859 Washington Blvd LLC.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Washington Village to modify the responsibilities of the Commercial District Review Panel and to amend certain exhibits to reflect the change of zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the property known as 859 Washington Boulevard; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of the Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) reviewed the proposed legislation and does not object to the amendments as they do not have a direct, negative impact to parking in the area.

Additionally, the Parking Authority also reviewed companion bill 14-0348: Rezoning-859 Washington Boulevard. According to the Department of Planning's report, the intent behind City Council Bills 14-0347 and 14-0348 is to "facilitate proposed expansion of Charm City Swing" and to operate under a Tavern use, a use that would require approval as a conditional use from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA). If the BMZA requires a parking management plan as part of the approval process, we require that property owners/developers contact our agency when drafting the plan. The referenced area is surrounded by Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area B (aka Washington Village), an area within the Camden Stadium Complex Area (aka Stadium Event Restricted Parking or SERP). This area receives parking enforcement only during stadium events. Recently, some residents have inquired about converting Area B to a standard RPP area, but, as of today, have not begun the process.

Based on the comments above, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0347.