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REQUEST: Review and Response to City Council Bill for Urban Renewal Amendments: City Council Bill 16-0731: Urban Renewal – Market Center – Amendment

RECOMMENDATION: CHAP has no objection to the amendment and defers to Planning regarding zoning amendments.

STAFF: Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): Introduced by City Councilman Costello

SUMMARY: City Council Bill 16-0731 proposes to amend exhibits in the Urban Renewal Plan to reflect the change in zoning to accommodate a new development on the site. The property is not historic and staff recommends a finding of no objection.

SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT

The property at 325 West Baltimore Street is located on the south side of West Baltimore Street between North Eutaw Street and North Howard Street. The property is located within the Market Center National Register Historic District.

Site Conditions/Architectural Description: The property in question is a large empty lot. The empty lots were once home to garment and furniture manufacturing buildings and later a parking garage. The site is sandwiched by two Baltimore City Landmarks, the Abell Building and the Turnbull Building.

BACKGROUND

- There are no previous CHAP actions regarding this site.

PROPOSAL

Bill 16-0731 Urban Renewal – Market Center – Amendment will amend Exhibit 3 of the Market Center Urban Renewal Plan to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the property known as 325 West Baltimore Street. The zoning will be changed to support the proposed new construction on the property.

ANALYSIS

CHAP staff finds that the proposed amendments will have no impact on designated historic properties as the amendments serve to update the Urban Renewal Plan based upon zoning changes.

Staff recommends a finding of no objection and deferment to Planning regarding zoning.

**Eric Holcomb
Director**

MAPS & IMAGES

Map 1.1 Aerial



Map 1.2 Site Map

