



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0056

Urban Renewal - Canton Industrial Area - Amendment ____

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: September 14, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:20 PM

Time (Ending): 2:35 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~25

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Ryan Dorsey 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 Dorsey		
Seconded by:	Councilmember Ramos		
Final Vote:	Favorable / Amendment		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember Zeke Cohen, sponsor
- Matt DeSantis Department of Planning
- Hilary Ruley, Law Department

- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Luis Cardona, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Caroline Hecker, Esquire, representing the applicant

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Cohen commented about the purpose of the bill. He explained that certain community groups support the bill.
3. Martin French presented the Planning Commission’s report which supports the bill. Planning Department staff recommended disapproval, but based on information gathered at the department’s hearing the Planning Commission issued a recommendation of support for the rezoning. Mr. French read the Planning Commission’s resolution into the record.
4. Liam Davis testified that the Department of Transportation has no objection, but would like to evaluate site plans if a proposed restaurant for the site moves forth.
5. Agency representatives provided reports for their respective agencies.
6. Ms. Caroline Hecker testified on behalf of the applicant in support of the bill. She provided background information about the property and proposed use. The bill is a companion to Bill 21-0051, which rezones the property.
7. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony.
8. The committee approved a motion to amend the bill.
9. The committee approved a motion to recommend the bill favorably with amendment.
10. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

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

Odette Ramos: Yea
Robert Stokes:..... Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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