


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: December 10, 2020

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for the December 15, 2020 Legislative Meeting**

Please place the following measures on the agenda for the December 15, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

- **Omnibus Kenilworth Courts Redevelopment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020; and**
- **Omnibus Kenilworth Courts Redevelopment Act of 2020**

This measure would close the existing alley in Square 5116, accept the dedication of land for a new east-west public street between Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., and 45th Street, N.E., and a new north-south street extending from Quarles Street, N.E., and to remove the building restriction lines along the east side of 45th Street, N.E., and the south side of Quarles Street, N.E., as shown on the Surveyor's plat filed in S.O. 16-23580

The closing of the public alley and dedication of land will facilitate phase one of the redevelopment of the D.C. Housing Authority property known as Kenilworth Courts. Phase one of the development will consist of 166 residential units, 89 of which will replace demolished public housing units.

The Committee of the Whole marked up a permanent version this legislation on November 17, 2020. First reading took place on November 17, 2020. The bill will be considered for second reading on December 15, 2020. The developer indicated a need to proceed expeditiously with this legislation so as not to delay construction. This is the reason for approving the closing without waiting for conclusion of the congressional review period.

Copies of the measures are attached. Also attached is an updated plat. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Legislative Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Council Officers