

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY  
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects  
Division of Real Estate

**Cudell Commons and Tamir Rice Memorial**

Ordinance No: 44-2025

Legislative Purpose: Upon vacation of old West Boulevard from Detroit Avenue to W. 98th Street, to authorize grant of utility easements to any existing utilities as needed, and to revoke the existing encroachment permit for the Tamir Rice Memorial and simultaneously grant a permanent easement to the Tamir Rice Foundation for those portions of the memorial that are currently encumbered with an encroachment permit so that the entire Tamir Rice Memorial is encumbered with a permanent easement for constructing and maintaining the Tamir Rice Memorial at Cudell Commons in perpetuity.

Project Summary: The Tamir Rice Memorial ("Memorial") is located in Cudell Commons. The majority of the Tamir Rice Memorial is located within the old West Blvd. right-of-way and the Tamir Rice Foundation was issued an encroachment permit pursuant to Ord No. 883-2020 to allow improvements and maintenance of the Memorial.

The vacation of old West Boulevard from Detroit Avenue to W. 98th Street will allow City to revoke the encroachment permit and simultaneously replace it with a permanent easement for the same area, which will protect the Memorial in perpetuity. All utilities will be granted an easement for any existing facilities in the vacated right-of-way.

Note that a small portion of the sidewalk around the Memorial is located on PPN 001-29-084 (formerly PPN 001-29-081) which is owned by the Cleveland Municipal School District ("CMSD"). This portion of the Memorial is already encumbered by a permanent easement which will remain in place.

Tamir Rice Memorial: The Memorial is a cherished tribute to Tamir Rice. The Memorial is located at the existing butterfly garden dedicated to Tamir's sister, Tajai, and connects to the engraved stone memorializing Tamir. The connection is made by means of a walking path, and also a dry creek that will carry rainwater to the butterfly garden. Additional envisioned features include the addition of a refined, accessible pathway, additional plantings to create winter interest, and improvements to the stone edging.

Price for Easement: \$1.00

Ward: Ward 15 (Councilmember Jenny Spencer)

Attachments: Location map