

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

Encroachment Permit for Tamir Rice Memorial at Cudell Commons

Ordinance No: 883-2020

Legislative Purpose: To authorize the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to issue an encroachment permit to the Tamir Rice Foundation to construct, use, and maintain certain streetscape and landscape improvements that will encroach in City right-of-way known as the old West Boulevard alignment between Detroit Avenue and Madison Avenue that is now a part of City's greenspace at Cudell Commons.

Project Summary: The Tamir Rice Foundation is seeking authorization to move forward with a memorial to enhance the existing butterfly garden located between Cudell Recreation Center and Marion C. Seltzer Elementary School at Cudell Commons.

An encroachment permit is needed because the project site is within right-of-way where West Blvd. was located prior to its relocation in 1977. When the roadway was relocated to the west of the Cudell Fine Arts Center, the old West Blvd. pavement was removed and converted into greenspace but the right-of-way was not vacated.

The proposed improvements have been approved by Landmarks Commission and will be a memorial to Tamir Rice. The memorial is specifically 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.

The project will also make improvements to existing amenities at the site. These improvements include the addition of a refined, accessible pathway, additional plantings to create winter interest, and

improvements to the stone edging. Additionally, the existing bollards will be touched up and sealed for preservation and redistributed evenly around the site.

Ward: Ward 15 (Councilmember Matthew Zone)

Attachments: Location map and renderings of the improvements