

same, shall meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice, and from time to time thereafter, as may be necessary, to exercise the powers and perform the duties required of them by said ordinance, and shall ascertain whether any and what amount of value in damage will be caused to the owner of any right or interest in any ground or improvements within or adjacent to the City of Baltimore by such opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing for which, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages, such owner ought to be compensated; and the said commissioners having ascertained the whole amount of damages for which compensation ought to be awarded, as aforesaid, and having added thereto an estimate of the probable amount of expenses which will be incurred by them in the performance of the duties required of them as aforesaid; in which they may include a sum sufficient in their judgment to cover the expenses and contingencies of litigation, and administration expenses; shall proceed to assess all the ground and improvements within and adjacent to the city, the owners of which, as such, the said commissioners shall decide and deem to be directly benefited by accomplishing the object authorized in the ordinance aforesaid; and should the direct benefits, assessed as aforesaid, not be equal to the damages and expenses incurred, the balance of said expenses and damages shall be paid by the city register, and provided for in the general levy, or out of funds derived from loans, if properly applicable thereto.

177. As soon as the commissioners aforesaid shall have completed the valuation of damages to be ascertained by them as directed by this article, they shall cause a statement thereof to be made out for the inspection of all persons desiring information of its contents, and such statement, together with an explanatory map or maps, shall contain a description of each separate lot or parcel of ground deemed to have sustained damages, its dimensions, the name of the street, lane or alley on which it bounds, the names of all persons supposed to have any estate or interest in it, and the amount of damages as valued by the commissioners; and if there be any house or other improvements on it, necessary to be removed, in whole or in part, such description thereof as the commissioners shall deem necessary; and in like manner a description of each parcel of ground deemed by the commissioners to be benefited, the name or names of such person or persons as may be supposed to have any estate or interest therein, and the amount assessed thereon for benefits; and the said commissioners shall cause a notice to be published for four successive days in two daily