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| <b>FROM</b> | NAME & TITLE          | CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR    | CITY of<br>BALTIMORE<br><br><b>MEMO</b> |  |
|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET  |   |  |
|             | SUBJECT               | City Council Bill #21-0089 / City Property - Naming the Property, Located at Ward 6, Section 9, Block 1318, Lot 2 (also known as 199 North Caroline Street), to be the Dante Barksdale Square |   |  |

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: June 28, 2021

At its regular meeting of June 24, 2021, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #21-0089, for the purpose of naming the City property located at Ward 6, Section 9, Block 1318, Lot 2 (also known as 199 North Caroline Street), to be Dante Barksdale Square.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #21-0089 and adopted the following resolutions; nine members being present (nine in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, adopts the findings outlined in the staff report, with consideration for testimony and facts presented in the meeting, and recommends that City Council Bill #21-0089 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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cc: Ms. Natasha Mehu, Mayor's Office  
Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Eric Costello, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
Mr. Matthew Stegman, City Council President's Office  
Ms. Nikki Thompson, City Council President's Office  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC  
Ms. Kathleen Byrne, BMZA  
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD  
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.  
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Mr. Liam Davis, DOT  
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
Mr. Dominic McAlily, Council Services



Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chairman

### STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer  
Director

June 24, 2021

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Ivor A. Quashie

**INTRODUCED BY:** City Council President Nicholas Mosby

**OWNER:** Mayor & City Council

#### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

Site Conditions: This site is triangular located at the intersection of East Fayette Street to the south, East Lexington to the north and North Caroline Street to the east.

General Area: The general area is a mixture of residential and commercial buildings in the Eastern Planning District

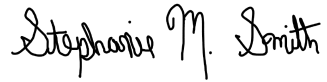
#### **HISTORY**

There are no previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Background: Dante Barksdale was a young man devoted to making a change in the city of Baltimore. Mr. Barksdale worked in violence prevention for a total of 13 years. He worked with the Safe Streets program starting in 2008. Safe Streets is a community program that acts as “violence interrupters” which aims to resolve disputes in the community and reduce gun violence. His dynamic local work earned him a national reputation Mr. Barksdale was the subject of a series of profiles by local and national news media outlets about his outreach efforts, including a 2014 article by The Atlantic “Walking the Streets of Baltimore With the Other Barksdale. Mr. Barksdale co-authored a book of his life called “Growing Up Barksdale: A True Baltimore Story.” Mr. Barksdale was unfortunately killed on January 17, 2021 near the Douglass Homes.

Notification: Ms. Pili Houston, sister of Dante Barksdale, Douglas Homes Tenant Council, HABC, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood and Safety Engagement, and Council President Nick Mosby's office have been notified of this action.

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**Stephanie M. Smith**  
**Assistant Director**  
*(For Director Chris Ryer)*