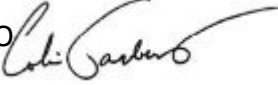




MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 15, 2020
TO: Judiciary Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: Council Bill 20-0628
City Property – Naming a Pavilion and a Nature Park in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield to be the BGE Pavilion and the BGE Nature Park

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 20-0628 introduced by Councilmember Costello at the request of The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, INC.

PURPOSE

FOR the purpose of naming a pavilion in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield (Block 890, Lot 006) within the Inner Harbor Park, the BGE Pavilion; and naming a nature park in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield (Block 890, Lot 006) within the Inner Harbor Park, the BGE Nature Park.

BRIEF HISTORY

The City of Baltimore, State of Maryland and Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore have each committed to funding the reconstruction of Rash Field within the Inner Harbor. Part of the commitment of the Waterfront Partnership is to raise private funds that can contribute to the funding of this important public project. This bill will enable The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, INC to follow through on its commitment to attracting necessary funding for the Rash Field Project from private sources. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company has agreed to contribute \$1 Million dollars to support the completion of a newly renovated Rash Field. BGE is seeking recognition for this contribution in the form of naming two park amenities – the Pavilion and Nature Park – the BGE Pavilion and BGE Nature Park, respectively. This commitment of funds represents the single largest private donation to the project, and the funds are necessary to the successful completion of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** City Council Bill 20-0628.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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