

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

April 26, 2017

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0046 – City Property – Renaming Harlem Denison
Park to be the William Donald Schaefer Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0046 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to change the name of Harlem Denison Park, located at 3421 Harlem Avenue, to William Donald Schaefer Park.

The Baltimore City Code (“BCC”) requires that property owned by the Mayor and City Council be named or renamed by ordinance. *See* BCC, Article 5, § 20-2(a). The bill must be referred for comment to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that has or will have control of the City property, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agency that may have an interest in the naming the City property. BCC, Article 5, §20-2(b)(1). This bill was referred to the City Solicitor, the Planning Commission, the Department of Real Estate, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation. Presumably, the Department of Recreation and Parks is the agency to control this property. Provided that is the case, or that the property will be controlled by one of the other agencies to whom the bill was referred for comment, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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