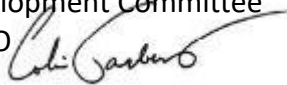




MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24, 2022
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Supports
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 21-0179
City Property – Naming a Skate Park in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield to be Jake’s Skate Park

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 21-0179 introduced by Councilmember Costello.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of naming a portion of the Joseph H. Rash Playfield (Block 890, Lot 006), to be Jake’s Skate Park.

BRIEF HISTORY

Rash Field Park, on the south shore of the Inner Harbor, completed Phase 1 of redevelopment in November 2021. The first phase includes an eatery space, nature and adventure area, and a skate park. The skate park is designed to be a state-of-the-art park for skateboarders of all ages and skill level. The Waterfront Partnership assisted in fundraising for the construction of the skate park in the name of Jake Owen, a young skateboarder who passed away in a car accident caused by a distracted driver. This naming honors his memory and aims to inspire all who utilize it, to live and enjoy life as he did.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation supports City Council Bill No. 21-0179.

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