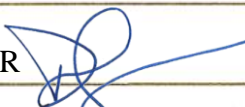



FROM	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR 	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #21-0110 / RENAMING MULLAN PARK TO TUPAC AMARU SHAKUR PARK		

TO

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

DATE: August 6, 2021

At its regular meeting of August 5, 2021, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #21-0110, for the purpose of renaming Mullan Park to the Tupac Amaru Shakur Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended amendment and approval with the following amendment:
In line 15, replace “playground” with “park”, and in the same line insert IN WHICH between “the home” and “he and his family once lived” of City Council Bill #21-0110 and adopted the following resolution nine members being present nine in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #21-0110 be amended and 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.

CR/ewt

attachment

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
Mr. John Brothers, Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation



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PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer
Director

August 5, 2021

REQUEST: City Council Bill #21-0110/ City Property – Renaming Mullan Park to the Tupac Amaru Shakur Park:

For the purpose of changing the name of Mullan Park, located at 4000 Old York Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Tupac Amaru Shakur Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Amendment and Approval, with the following amendment:

- In line 15, replace “playground” with “park”, and in the same line insert IN WHICH between “the home” and “he and his family once lived,”

STAFF: Ivor A. Quashie

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Conway and Bullock

OWNER: Mayor & City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: This site is located in north Baltimore with Rosehill Terrace to the north and Greenmount Avenue to the west, Wyanoke Avenue to the south and Old York Road to the east.

General Area: The general area is a residential community of two- and three-story homes. The property is zoned OS and is surrounded by R-6 and R-7.

HISTORY

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

ANALYSIS

Background:

Lesane Parish Crooks was born in East Harlem NY on June 16, 1971. He was renamed Tupac Amaru Shakur at the age of one. Tupac Amaru was the descendant of the last Incan ruler, Tupac Amaru, who was executed in Peru in 1781 after his failed revolt against Spanish rule. His mother wanted him to have the name of a revolutionary, indigenous person in the world. She wanted him to know he was part of a world culture and not just from a neighborhood. Shakur’s parents were both members of the Black Panther Party whose militant style and provocative ideologies for civil rights would come to influence TuPac’s music. At the age of twelve, Tupac Shakur enrolled in Harlem’s 127th Street Repertory Ensemble and was cast as the Travis Younger character in the play “A Raisin in the Sun,” which was performed at the Apollo Theater.

In 1984, Shakur's family moved from New York City to Baltimore, Maryland. He attended eighth grade at Roland Park Middle School, then two years at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. On transfer to the Baltimore School for the Arts, he studied acting, poetry, jazz, and ballet.

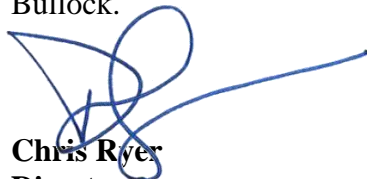
In 1988, Shakur moved to Marin City, California, about 5 miles north of San Francisco. Tupac attended Tamalpais High School where he performed in several theater productions. Tupac started his music career with the rap group Digital Underground in 1991 as a roadie and back up dancer.

Tupac released his first solo album in 1991, *2pacalypse Now*. There would be 10 additional studio albums that would gain him recognition from the industry and his peers. With over with over 75 million records sold worldwide he is one of the most popular artists in history. His first film appearance was in the 1991 film *Nothing but Trouble*. In 1992, he starred in *Juice*, 1993, Shakur starred alongside Janet Jackson in John Singleton's romance film, *Poetic Justice*. Shakur then played in *Above the Rim*. Soon after Shakur's death, three more films starring him were released, *Bullet* (1996), *Gridloc'd* (1997), and *Gang Related* (1997). He guest starred in an episode of *A Different World* in 1993.

In September of 1996 at the age of 25 Tupac Shakur was unfortunately killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas after attending a boxing match of Mike Tyson vs. Bruce Seldon. Afeni Shakur, Tupac's mother created the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation in 1997. The foundation is dedicated to eradicating the effects of trauma on the Black community by raising awareness of its impact on mental health and wellness.

2021 is the 25th anniversary of the death of this multi-talented artist. The Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation will be organizing events at the Pratt Library, Baltimore School of the Arts, and working with other organizations around the city to commemorate the anniversary of his death

Notification: Notice of this meeting was sent to the Pen Lucy Neighborhood Association, The Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation, Councilmember Mark Conway, and Councilmember John T. Bullock.



Chris Ryer
Director