


FROM	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #23-0423 / CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING COTTAGE AVENUE PARK TO CANDY STRIPE PARK		

DATE: September 22, 2023

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

At its regular meeting of September 21, 2023, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #23-0423, for the purpose of changing the name of Cottage Avenue Park, located at North East Side 30 Foot Alley 2nd South West of Cottage Avenue Rear 3700-36 Cottage Avenue (Block 3335, Lot 067), to Candy Stripe Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #23-0423 and adopted the following resolutions, with seven members being present (seven in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #23-0423 be **approved** 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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attachment

cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Eric Costello, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC  
Ms. Rebecca Witt, 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, Office of the City Council President



Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chair; Eric Stephenson, Vice Chair

### STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer  
Director

September 21, 2023

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #23-0423/ City Property – Renaming Cottage Avenue Park to Candy Stripe Park:

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Eric Tiso

**INTRODUCED BY:** Council Vice-President Middleton

**OWNER:** Mayor & City Council of Baltimore

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

Site Conditions: This park parcel is in the interior of the block bounded by Cottage Avenue on the east, Violet Avenue on the south, Park Heights Avenue on the west, and Springhill Avenue on the north. This park parcel measures approximately 295' by 78'4" (23,108 sqft / 0.53 acres).

General Area: This park is located in the Park Circle neighborhood, which is generally bounded by Druid Park Drive on the south, the Western Maryland Railroad line on the west, Springhill Avenue on the north, and Greenspring Avenue on the east, with Reisterstown Road and Park Heights Avenue bisecting the neighborhood. This neighborhood is predominantly residential in nature in the central portion of the neighborhood, with rowhomes and semi-detached homes comprising the majority of the residential stock. There are scattered institutional uses around the periphery, and some commercial uses along the major corridors.

#### **HISTORY**

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

#### **ANALYSIS**

Background: This name change recognizes a long-standing community practice of referring to this park as Candy Stripe Park. As captioned in the bill, Cottage Avenue Park developed this nickname by the neighborhood children identifying it by its metal dividers painted red and white. We understand that this has been a local tradition for over 40 years. A community member recently commented recently at the Park Heights Community Conversation meeting how "Candy Stripe" as a name is central to the community's shared identity.

Equity:

There are no obvious equity impacts as a result of this proposed change, nor will there be any particular impact to our Departmental operation.

Notification: Planning Staff notified the following organizations of this item: the Plantation Park Heights Urban Farm, the Park Heights Renaissance, the Springhill, Derby Manor, Keyworth, Greenspring Community Association, and the Pimlico Terrace Neighborhood Association as well as residents of Park Circle.

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**Chris Ryer**  
**Director**