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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 13-0229		

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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 13-0229 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Recreation and Parks).

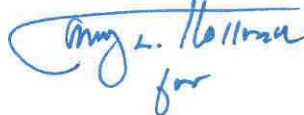
The purpose of the Bill is to name and rename various driveways in Druid Hill Park.

Article 26 {Surveys, Streets, and Highways} § 7-3 of the Revised Baltimore City Code requires that when any ordinance or resolution is introduced into City Council to name or change the name of a public street, avenue, or other thoroughfare, the legislation must be referred to the Department of General Services and the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation for a written report on the advisability to do so. In considering a proposed street name change, the name must not be duplicative, cannot be the name of a living person or persons or the name of a business or business product, and must be applied to the entire length of the street, avenue, or thoroughfare. For renaming private streets, a petition must be filed with General Services requesting the change, and a petition and report is referred to the City Council for an ordinance and ultimate approval.

The naming and name changes requested under City Council Bill 13-0229 are for various driveway locations located within Druid Hill Park. These streets provide vehicular circulation interior to the park property and would therefore be considered private park streets. The last time that a renaming of a park street was approved by ordinance was through Ordinance 07-432 which renamed the entrance of the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore from Beechwood Drive in Druid Hill Park to One Safari Place. The street renaming or naming proposed under this legislation would (1) eliminate some of the smaller portions of roadways having different names, (2) consolidate street names for longer stretches of roadway, and (3) provide for easier navigation within the park.

Based on the findings that these driveways are part of the internal park system, and as such are considered portions of private park streets, the Department of General Services has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 13-0229.

Respectfully,



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