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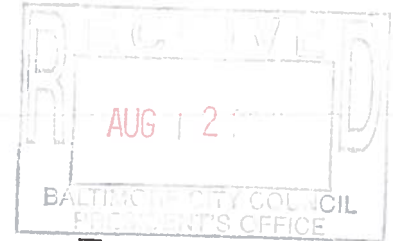


DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
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*Favorable*

Re: City Council Bill 13-0229 – City Streets – Naming and Renaming Various Driveways in Druid Hill Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0229 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill seeks to name four unnamed driveways and rename twelve other driveways within Druid Hill Park.

The City has the power to name and rename these driveways under Sections 7-2, 7-3 and 7-4 of Article 26 of the Baltimore City Code. These Sections require a bill proposing new or revised names be referred to, and report written by, the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) and, additionally, for revised names, that the bill be referred to, and a report written by, the Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation (“CHAP”). For bills seeking to revise the names of streets, the law provides that “no further action shall be taken by the City Council” on the bill “pending the receipt” of the reports from DPW and CHAP. City Code, Art. 26, §7-3(b).

This bill has been referred to the Law Department, the Planning Commission, the Department of General Services (“DGS”), CHAP, the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) and the Department of Recreation and Parks. Although this bill has not been referred to DPW, Sections 40(f) and 133(B) of City Ordinance 08-0003, which created DGS, transferred DPW’s power with regard to street names to DGS. This power is now codified in Section 133 of Article VII of the City Charter. Therefore, the requirement in Section 7-3 of Article 26 of the City Code that the bill be referred to DPW has been satisfied by referring this bill to DGS.

Assuming receipt of reports by CHAP and DGS, the Law Department would approve this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,



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