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FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 TH FLOOR
	SUBJECT	CCB #09-0312/ CITY PROPERTY-NAMING THE PAVILION IN CLIFTON PARK TO BE THE COUNCILWOMAN RITA R. CHURCH PAVILION AND RECREATION CENTER

CITY of
BALTIMORE
MEMO



TO

DATE:

May 29, 2009

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

At its regular meeting of May 28, 2009 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #09-0312, for the purpose of naming the pavilion in Clifton Park, located on the southwest side of Saint Lo Drive between Harford Road and Sinclair Lane in Block 4199, Lot 001, more definitely described as 900 feet, more or less, southeast from the intersection of Saint Lo Drive and Harford Road, to be the Councilwoman Rita R. Church Pavilion and Recreation Center.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #09-0312 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present and eight in favor.

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #09-0312 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief of Land Use and Urban Design, at (410) 396-4488.

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Attachment

CC:

- Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Demuane Millard, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Rep – Planning Commission
- Ms. Nikol Naybors-Jackson, DHCD
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Larry Greene, Council Services
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration



Sheila Dixon
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

May 28, 2009

REQUEST: City Council Bill #09-0312/ Naming the Pavilion in Clifton Park to be the Councilwoman Rita R. Church Pavilion and Recreation Center

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Melvin Hicks

PETITIONER(s): City Council

OWNER: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The pavilion and recreation center is located in Clifton Park, in the vicinity of Saint Lo Drive and Sinclair Lane. Adjacent to the pavilion and recreation center are a playground facility and swimming pool. The area is buffered by a mature forest to the north.

General Area: The pavilion and recreation center site is located in the eastern district of Baltimore City and is bounded by Saint Lo Drive and Sinclair Lane.

HISTORY

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

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

This action is consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, with respect to the enhancement of Baltimore's history and culture.

ANALYSIS

This bill would name the pavilion and recreation center on the corner of Saint Lo Drive and Sinclair Lane, located in Clifton Park, to be the Councilwoman Rita R. Church Pavilion and Recreation Center. Mrs. Church was a long-standing community activist and leader. She served on the Baltimore City Council and was a member of the Baltimore City Planning Commission.

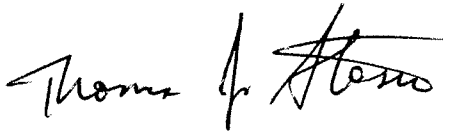
The late Rita R. Church was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 2, 1936. Mrs. Church received her education in the Baltimore Catholic School System. She attended the historic St.

Francis Academy and was a life-long member of historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church until she departed life on February 21, 2009.

Mrs. Rita Church worked as a claims clerk for the Social Security Administration for 23 years where she received numerous merit awards and certificates of service. She retired from the Social Security Administration in 1994. In 1996, she was appointed to the Baltimore City Council, representing the Third Councilmanic District until she retired in 1999. She also served as a member of the Baltimore City Planning Commission for four years, between 2002 and 2006. Additionally she served as a member of the Maryland State Central Committee. Because of her love for her community and the City of Baltimore, Mrs. Church received numerous community service awards and certificates for her efforts.

She was a member of the Coldstream-Homestead Montebello Community Organization where she served as a member of the board for many years and worked diligently to improve the quality of life for all in the community. Because of her influence on this community, she was sometimes called "Mayor of Coldstream-Homestead Montebello. Mrs. Church was also a member and officer of the Quality of Life Community Outreach Program and treasurer of Adopt-A-House Corporation. The Department of Planning recognizes the many outstanding contributions that Councilwoman Rita Church made to the City of Baltimore. Therefore staff strongly believes that it would be a fitting tribute to name the pavilion and recreation center in Clifton Park, the Councilwoman Rita R. Church Pavilion and Recreation Center.

Staff notified family members, Department of Recreation and Parks, City Council Representative, Coldstream-Homestead Montebello Community Organization, and the New South Clifton Park Community Association of this action.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director