

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, *Young, Henry, P. ORSON, Bullock, Bennett Pinkelt*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: April 11, 2018

Referred to: JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS Committee

*Schleifer
Reisinger
Clarke
Cohen
Middleton
Scott*

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 18 - 0216

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**City Property – Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to
Henrietta Lacks Educational Park**

FOR the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

BY authority of
Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
Section 20-2
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Mary G. Clark
John J. Johnson
Robert Stokes
James Middleton
Edmund Reiser
Bill [unclear]
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Agencies

- Baltimore City Public School System
- Baltimore Development Corporation
- City Solicitor
- Comptroller's Office
- Department of Audits
- Department of Finance
- Department of General Services
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Human Resources
- Department of Planning
- Other: _____
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- Department of Public Works
- Department of Real Estate
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Department of Transportation
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Mayor's Office of Employment Development
- Mayor's Office of Human Services
- Mayor's Office of Information Technology
- Office of the Mayor
- Police Department
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **18-158**
Council Bill 18-0216

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey,
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Introduced and read first time: April 16, 2018
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: June 25, 2018

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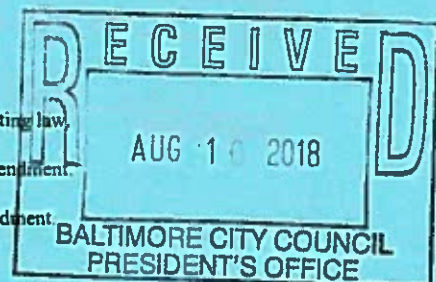
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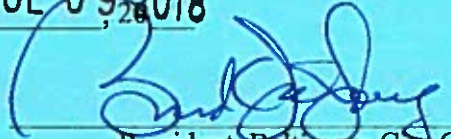
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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of JUL 09 2018



President, Baltimore City Council


Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of JUL 09 2018



Chief Clerk


Approved this 10 day of August, 2018



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 15th Day of July 2018



Chief Solicitor

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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD

BILL#: CC-18-0216 DATE: 6/13/18

BILL TITLE: City Property - Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

MOTION BY: Stokes SECONDED BY: Clarke

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, E., Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarke, M., Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullock, J.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CHAIRPERSON: C.T. Costello

COMMITTEE STAFF: Matthew L. Peters, Initials: MLO

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, City Solicitor
101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 7, 2018

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0216 – City Property – Renaming Ambrose Kennedy
Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

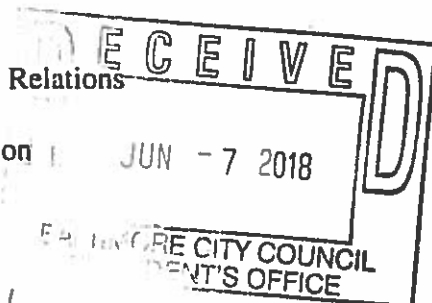
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0216 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to change the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

The Baltimore City Code ("BCC") requires that property owned by the Mayor and City Council be named or renamed by ordinance. *See* BCC, Article 5, § 20-2(a). The bill must be referred for comment to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that has or will have control of the City property, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agency that may have an interest in the naming the City property. BCC, Article 5, §20-2(b)(1). This bill was referred to the City Solicitor, the Planning Commission, the Department of Real Estate, and the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Transportation. Presumably, the Department of Recreation and Parks is the agency to control this property. Provided that is the case, or that the property will be controlled by one of the other agencies to whom the bill was referred for comment, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.


Sincerely,

Ashlea H. Brown
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Andre Davis, City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Victor K. Tervalva, Chief Solicitor



Fav w/comments

FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0216 / CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING AMBROSE KENNEDY PARK TO HENRIETTA LACKS EDUCATIONAL PARK		

DATE:

TO

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

June 5, 2018

At its regular meeting of May 31, 2018, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #18-0216, for the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #18-0216 and adopted the following resolution; seven members being present (seven in favor):

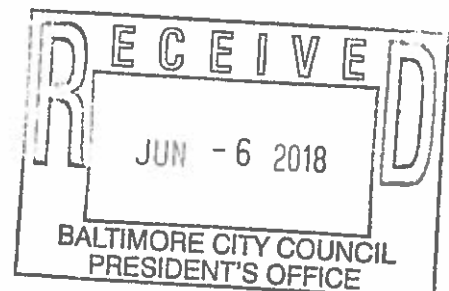
RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #18-0216 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

TJS/ewt

attachment

cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor's Office
Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Mr. William H. Cole IV, BDC
Mr. Derek Baumgardner, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
Mr. Walter Horton, Real Estate
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
Ms. Katelyn McCauley, DOT
Mr. Reginald Moore, Recreation and Parks
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services



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Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean Davis, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

May 31, 2018

REQUEST: City Council Bill #18-0216/ City Property- City Property - Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

FOR the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONERS: Councilmember Robert Stokes Sr.

OWNERS: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: Ambrose Kennedy Park is a 1.75 acre public park in the Johnston Square neighborhood. The park is bounded by East Eager Street to the north, East Chase Street to the south, Harford Avenue to the west and Valley Street to the east.

General Area: This Park is in a predominantly residential area. It is surrounded by a mixture of single family homes, the Latrobe Homes public housing development and Johnston Square Elementary School.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

Ambrose Kennedy Park contains two basketball courts, and a small community pool. In 2016, the park was chosen to undergo rehabilitation as part of a \$400,000 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association and American Planning Association. The vision for the park includes walking paths, an amphitheater, an open grass playing field, basketball courts bathrooms with changing areas, and a new swimming pool.

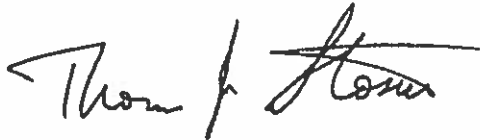
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Jonas Salk, a medical researcher and virologist used HeLa cells to develop the vaccine for polio. HeLa cells have also been used for cancer research, AIDS research and the effects of radiation and other toxic substances on humans.

Councilman Stokes introduced this bill in recognition of Ms. Lacks' contributions to medical research.

For these reason staff recommends approval of City Council Bill #18-0216.

Notification: Planning staff notified the Monument East Tenants' Association, Re-BUILD Johnston Square, Latrobe Resident Council, Inc., Oliver Community Association, Inc. Councilmember Robert Stokes Sr. of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Thomas J. Stosur
Director

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

REGINALD MOORE, Director
DR. RALPH W. E. JONES, JR. BUILDING
3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-396-7900

May 21, 2018

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, RM 400
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

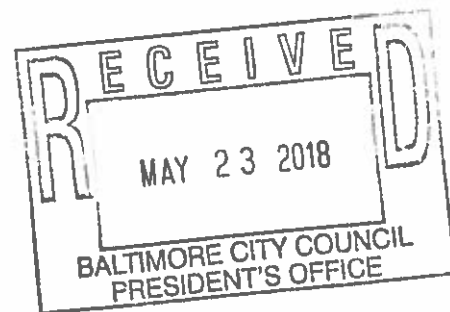
**RE: CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0216 TO RENAME AMBROSE KENNEDY PARK
"HENRIETTA LACKS EDUCATIONAL PARK"**

The Department of Recreation & Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0216. Baltimore City Recreation and Parks strongly supports Council Bill #18-0216 proposing to rename Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park. Changing the name of the park would be a testament to the memory of Henrietta Lacks, whose selfless and invaluable contribution of the HeLa cells to Johns Hopkins Hospital's cancer research shows how a single person can do immense good in the world.


The Department of Recreation & Parks supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0216.

Sincerely,

Reginald Moore
Director



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F R O M	NAME & TITLE	Michelle Pourciau, Director <i>MJP</i>	CITY of BALTIMORE M E M O	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0216		

TO: Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: May 4, 2018

TO: Respective City Council Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Bill 18-0216 - City Property – Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to 3 Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

INTRODUCTION – For the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

PURPOSE/PLANS – Ambrose Kennedy Park is a 1.75 acre park in the Johnson Square community. It contains two basketball courts, and a small community pool. In 2016, the park was chosen to undergo rehabilitation as part of a grant program. The vision includes walking paths, a landscaped amphitheater, an open grass playing field, bathrooms with changing areas, a swimming pool, all the while being ADA accessible. The attempt to honor Henriette Lacks' contribution to medical research by renaming the park, which is currently undergoing said rehabilitation efforts, is supported by the Department of Transportation.

As this park is already established in the community, the Department of Transportation will be minimally impacted by its renaming.



AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION –

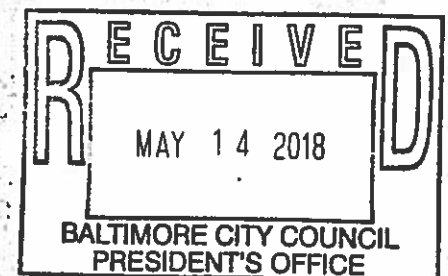
The Department of Transportation supports City Council Bill 18-0216, and respectfully requests a favorable report.


If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katelyn McCauley at Katelyn.McCauley@baltimorecity.gov, (443) 677-9391.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pourciau
Michelle Pourciau
Director

favorable



F R O M	Name & Title	Walter J. Johnson Real Estate Officer	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
	Agency Name & Address	Department of Real Estate Room 304 – City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street		
	Subject	City Council Bill –18-0216 Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park		

TO: Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natawna B. Austin
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council
400 City Hall

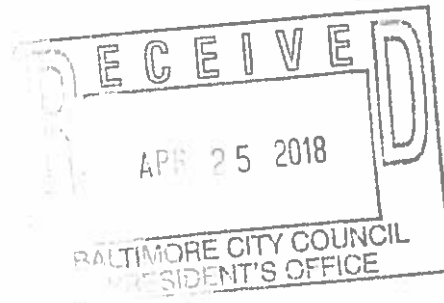
DATE: April 24, 2018

The above mentioned bill was referred to the Department of Real Estate for review. As is the case of all naming and renaming, I defer to the wisdom of that district's delegation and generally to the City Council.

The Department of Real Estate has not objections to it passage.

WJH/law

cc. Kyron Banks



NO obj

City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

4:30 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

18-0216

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 6 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Mary Pat Clarke, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member John T. Bullock, Member Brandon M. Scott, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.
- Absent** 1 - Member Edward Reisinger

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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A motion was made by Member Stokes, Sr., seconded by Member Clarke, that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Member Costello, Member Clarke, Member Pinkett III, Member Bullock, Member Scott, and Member Stokes Sr.
- Absent:** 1 - Member Reisinger

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 18-0216

City Property - Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chaired By: Councilmember Eric Costello

Hearing Date: June 13, 2018
Time: 4:30 PM to 4:40 PM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: ~15

Committee Members in Attendance:
Eric Costello Mary Pat Clarke Brandon Scott
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes John Bullock

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by:	Councilmember Stokes		
Seconded by:	Councilmember Clarke		
Final Vote:	Favorable		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ivor Quashie, Department of Planning

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello opened the proceedings and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. Councilman Stokes summarized the bill and discussed its importance in honoring the legacy of Henrietta Lacks and promoting science education.
3. Councilman Costello reviewed the reports and recommendations from the agencies to which the bill was referred.
4. Members of the public testified in support of the bill and its goals.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe. N/A

Committee Vote

E. Costello: Yea
M. Clarke: Yea
J. Bullock: Yea
L. Pinkett: Yea
E. Reisinger: Absent
B. Scott: Yea
R. Stokes: Yea

Matthew Peters

Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: June 13, 2018

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



CITY OF BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chairperson: Eri

Date: June 13, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers

Subject: Ordinance - City Property - Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park

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IF YOU WANT TO TESTIFY PLEASE CHECK HERE

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ST. #	ADDRESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Bill W.	WHITE	130			8114430@gmail.com
MARIE TURN	FINGAN - QUASNE	1652	Ralworth Rd PLANNING C	21218	mHogan-carre@ssw.um 1V0E.SUN@the@BALTIMORE.MD

(* NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTRATION IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION AND FORMS, CALL OR WRITE: BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS, LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, 626 CITY HALL, BALTIMORE, MD 21202. TEL: 410-396-4730. FAX: 410-396-8483.

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OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

LARRY E. GREENE, Director
415 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-396-7215 / Fax: 410-545-7596
email: larry.greene@baltimorecity.gov

BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Bill 18-0216

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Sponsor: Councilmember Stokes, et al

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Hearing Date/Time/Location: June 13, 2018/4:30 p.m./Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber.

AGENCY REPORTS

Planning Commission	Favorable
Department of Recreation and Parks	Favorable
Department of Transportation	Favorable
Department of Real Estate	No Objections
City Solicitor	

ANALYSIS

Current Law

Baltimore City Code Article 5, Section 20-2(a) authorizes the renaming of city-owned property by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

Background

Henrietta Lacks (1920-1951) was a resident of Turner Station who died of cervical cancer in 1951. Ms. Lacks' cancer was treated at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. During her treatment, and without her consent or compensation, the hospital obtained samples of her cells that were later developed into the HeLa cell line. The HeLa cell line has been invaluable for medical research and has contributed to many significant advances.

Ambrose Kennedy Park is a 1.75 acre park in the Johnson Square community that contains two basketball courts and a small community pool. In 2016, the Parks & People Foundation received a \$437,500 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association and American Planning Association to renovate the park. The park is currently named after Ambrose J. Kennedy (1893-1950). Mr. Kennedy was a resident of Johnson Square and served on the Baltimore City Council from 1922-1926, in the Maryland Senate from 1928-1929, and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1932-1941.





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Code, Planning Commission, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Real Estate, Department of Transportation, Google Maps, Wikipedia, Bill 18-0216.

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Analysis Date: June 7, 2018

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0216
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey,
Bullock, Burnett, Pinkett, Schleifer, Reisinger, Clarke, Cohen, Middleton, Scott

Introduced and read first time: April 16, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of
Real Estate, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to**
3 **Henrietta Lacks Educational Park**

4 FOR the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford
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6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
8 Section 20-2
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

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15 removed 2 cervical samples from her, without her knowledge. She died later that
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17 The cells from her tumor made their way to the laboratory of researcher Dr.
18 George Otto Gey, where he noticed that they had an unusual property, that of
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20 multiplied a specific cell, thus creating a cell line that he named HeLa, derived
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22 The HeLa strain revolutionized medical research. Jonas Salk used the strain to
23 develop the polio vaccine, sparking much scientific interest in the cells. Since
24 then over 10,000 patents involving HeLa cells have been registered, and
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 18-0216

1 In honor of her contributions to medical research, Morgan State University
2 granted Henrietta Lacks a posthumous honorary degree. It is fitting that this park,
3 located at 1002 Harford Avenue, be renamed to honor her.

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6 Educational Park.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
8 after the date it is enacted.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____

APPROVED FOR FORM STYLE AND TEXTUAL SUFFICIENCY 4-11-18 DEPT LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

APR 16 2018

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON June 13, 2018 _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF June 25, 2018 _____ 20 _____

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

C. V. Costa

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

JUN 25 2018

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ JUL 09 2018

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

[Signature]

President

[Signature]

Chief Clerk