




MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2020
TO: Judiciary Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: No Objection
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 20-0633
City Property – Naming Bocek Field House to be Rocky Brown Field House

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 20-0633 introduced by Councilmember Sneed and read for the first time on October 19, 2020.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bill is the naming of the field house, informally known as Bocek Field House and located at 3000 East Madison Street, to be the Rocky Brown Field House.

BRIEF HISTORY

In the 1950's the neighborhood in which Bocek Park and Field House sit, was often referred to as "Little Bohemia," because of the large number of Czech immigrants residing there. Mr. Bocek was a native son of Baltimore, who served in the U.S. Army, was an electrician, and later in life was appointed to serve on the Baltimore City Council. In 1953, the City Council decided that the Parks Board should name the park in honor of Mr. Bocek, a servant leader of the community. Today, the Council is doing no less by naming the Field House for another servant leader, Mr. Rocky Brown.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The BDC has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill No. 20-0633.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com and 410-837-9305.

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