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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #16-0002 / CITY PROPERTY – NAMING PARK LOCATED AT 1900-2100 MT. ROYAL TERRACE LADY BALTIMORE PARK		

DATE:

TO

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

February 16, 2017

The Department of Planning has been asked to review City Council Bill #16-0002, for the purpose renaming the park located at 1900-2100 Mt. Royal Terrace to Lady Baltimore Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #16-0002 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor,):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its Departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #16-0002 be passed by the City Council.

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

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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
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
Mr. Patrick Fleming, DOT
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
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STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

February 16, 2017

REQUEST: City Council Bill #16-0002 Property – Renaming Park located at 1900-2100 Mount Royal Terrace to Lady Baltimore Park

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor A. Quashie

PETITIONER: City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young,
Councilmembers Robert Stokes Sr., Leon F. Pinkett III

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions:

Mount Royal Terrace Park is about an eighth of a mile long in the Reservoir Hill neighborhood. The park is surrounded by apartment buildings along Mount Royal Terrace and row homes on the Lennox Street and Reservoir Street.

General Area: The park is located in the southeastern part of Reservoir Hill between the Jones Falls Expressway to the east and Mount Royal Terrace to the west. The northern boundary is Reservoir Street and the southern boundary is North Avenue.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The proposal is also consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan.

PLAY Goal 1: Enhance the Enjoyment, Appreciation, and Stewardship of Baltimore's Historical and Cultural Resources.

ANALYSIS

The park was created in 1979 as sound barrier from the I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. The statue placed in the park was one of four statues that were originally located on the St. Paul Street bridge. Two of the statues have been relocated to the Cylburn Arboretum. The last statue was sent to Baltimore, a city in southern Ireland by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Society, a fraternal organization in Baltimore City.

The Commission of Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) was consulted regarding the Lady Baltimore statue located at the Battle Monument located at Calvert Street and East Fayette Street. CHAP staff has concluded that the statues from the St. Paul Street Bridge

were also called Lady Baltimore. CHAP staff has no objections to the park renaming and recommends that a plaque or signage be place near the Lady Baltimore Monument that provides information on the following:

1. History of monument
2. Who moved it and why
3. When it was moved

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION: Mount Royal Community Development Corporation, Mount Royal Improvement Association, Historic Mount Royal Terrace Association, Commission of Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young, City Council members Leon F. Pinkett III, Robert Stokes Sr., Department of Recreation and Parks, St. Francis Neighborhood Center, Friends of Reservoir Hill Reservoir Hill Improvement Council and the Mount Royal Terrace Historic District.



**Thomas J. Stosur,
Director**