


FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, <i>TJS</i> DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0219 / CITY PROPERTY – NAMING THE FIRE STATION, LOCATED AT 5714 EASTERN AVENUE, TO BE THE KONSTANTINE PREVAS FIRE STATION		

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 #18-0219, for the purpose of naming the fire station, located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #18-0219 and adopted the following resolution; six members being present (six in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #18-0219 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.

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attachment

cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
 Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
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 Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office
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 Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
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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 #18-0219/ City Property – City Property – Naming the Fire Station, Located at 5714 Eastern Avenue. to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station
For the purpose of naming the fire station, located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONERS: Councilmember Zeke Cohen

OWNERS: The Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: This property is located in Hopkins Bayview neighborhood in northeastern Baltimore. The fire house is bounded by Mason Lord Drive to the north, Eastern Avenue to the south, Anglesea Street to the east and Bayview Blvd. to the west.

General Area: This fire house is directly south of the Hopkins Bayview medical campus. Eastern Avenue has a mixture of commercial and residential buildings.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

Mr. Konstantine Prevas Esquire an attorney, WWII Veteran, and leader of The Greek Community, had a long family history in the Baltimore business community before being sworn-in on January 23, 1968 by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, III as a member of Baltimore City's Board of Fire Commissioners.

Commissioner Prevas worked closely with Reverend Marion C. Bascom Sr., Baltimore's First African American Fire Board member to change the discriminatory policies of the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD).

After a series of meetings with Black BCFD members, the following statement was released from an Executive Session of the Baltimore City Fire Board, held April 30, 1968:

“The Board wishes to clearly state that it is unalterably opposed to the unwritten rule that seems to prevail in a few isolated fire houses with respect to the use of beds, toilets and other facilities. All such facilities are provided by the City for use by all members and are not to be assigned on the basis of race. In short if there are any “unwritten” rules that cause discrimination in any form whatsoever, they will be eliminated immediately.”

Commissioner Prevas was the deciding vote to ensure that all members of the Baltimore City Fire Department would be treated equally, without exception.

For these reasons, staff recommends approval of City Council Bill #18-0219.

Notification: Planning staff notified the African American Fire Fighters Historical Society, Hiighlandtown Business Association, Highlandtown Community Association, Bayview Community Association, Inc. and Councilmember Zeke Cohen of this matter.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director