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| <b>FROM</b> | NAME & TITLE          | THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR   | CITY of<br>BALTIMORE<br><b>MEMO</b> |  |
|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET   |                                     |   |
|             | SUBJECT               | CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0396/CITY PROPERTY –<br>RENAMING LEITH WALK RECREATION CENTER<br>TO THE KENNETH N. HARRIS SR. COMMUNITY CENTER |                                     |   |

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

DATE: June 23, 2014

The Department of Planning received City Council Bill #14-0396 for review. The purpose of this legislation is to rename the Leith Walk Recreation center located at 1235 Sherwood Avenue, to the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center. The hearing date is July 1, 2014; the Planning Commission's next scheduled meeting is July 10, 2014.

Kenneth Harris was elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1999. He represented the Fourth District located in North Central Baltimore. During his tenure with the city council he chaired the Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee, was a member of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, and chaired the Highways and Franchise Subcommittee.

Mr. Harris worked to end the culture of violence on the streets of the city that claimed so many young lives. He worked with the Baltimore Truancy Assessment Centers to counsel and provide needed social services to youth who were not attending school. He also became the president of the Leith Walk Parent Teacher Association to continue his focus on improving the lives of the youth of that community as well as citywide.

The Department of Planning supports City Council Bill #14-0396 and recommends the passage of this bill by the City Council and will recommend favorably to the Planning Commission at its regular meeting in July.

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

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