

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sleight

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: October 25, 2017 ~~11/1/17~~

Referred to: JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS Committee

Middleton
Stokes

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

CITY COUNCIL 17-0156

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**City Property – Naming the Southwestern “Plateau” of Wyman Park
Dell’s Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell**

FOR the purpose of naming the southwestern “plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s main park area, bounded roughly by the wooded steep slope to the east, the 29th Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

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

[Handwritten signatures: Robert Stokes, John Bullock, Margaret Lake, John M. Kelly, and others]

No. _____

****The introduction of an Ordinance or Resolution by Councilmembers at the request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the Councilmembers and not an indication of their position.**

Agencies

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **18-104**
Council Bill 17-0156

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Stokes,
Middleton, Dorsey

Introduced and read first time: October 30, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: February 5, 2018

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **City Property – Naming the Southwestern “Plateau” of Wyman Park**
2 **Dell’s Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell**

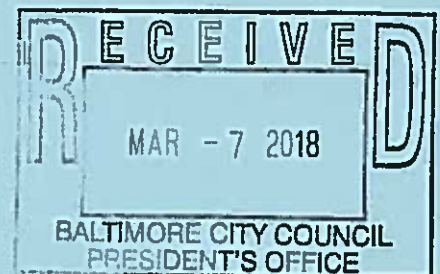
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5 entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north,
6 and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at
7 Wyman Park Dell; and providing for a special effective date.

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

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
14 southwestern “plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s main park area, bounded roughly by the wooded
15 steep slope to the east, the 29th Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost
16 entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to
17 the west, is named the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell, and is more particularly
18 described below.

19 The area is roughly bounded by the wooded steep slope to the east; the 29th Street
20 spur road (and any future iteration of this spur road should it be converted to
21 parking as described in the Wyman Park Dell Master Plan) and park entrance
22 (South Steps) to the south; the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum
23 Drive to the north; and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west (from the
24 29th Street spur road intersection with Howard Street, northward for
25 approximately ¼ of the length of Art Museum Drive, measured from the
26 intersection of Wyman Park Drive and Art Museum Drive).


EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.



Council Bill 17-0156

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

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of FEB 26 2018, 2018



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of FEB 26 2018, 2018



Chief Clerk

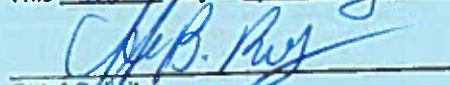
Approved this 5 day of March, 2018



Mayor, Baltimore City

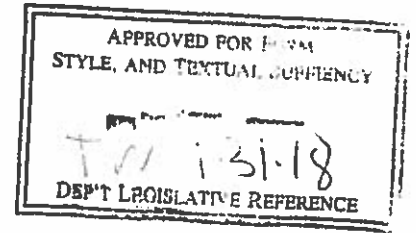
Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 28th Day of February 2018



Chief Solicitor

AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 17-0156
(1st Reader Copy)



By: The Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
{To be offered on the Council Floor}

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in the second line of sponsors, after “Middleton”, insert “. Dorsey”.

Amendment No. 2

On page 1, in line 8, after “Dell”, insert “: and providing for a special effective date”; and, on the same page, in lines 28 and 29, strike “the 30th day after”.

ADOPTED

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD

BILL#: CC-17-0156 DATE: 1/23/18


BILL TITLE: City Property - Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell

MOTION BY: CLARKE SECONDED BY: SCOTT

- 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"/>
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Reisinger, E.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott, B.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CHAIRPERSON: E. V. [Signature]
 COMMITTEE STAFF: D'Paul S. Nibber, Initials: DN

FROM	Name & Title	Walter [Signature] 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 –17-0156 Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell	

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: January 22, 2018

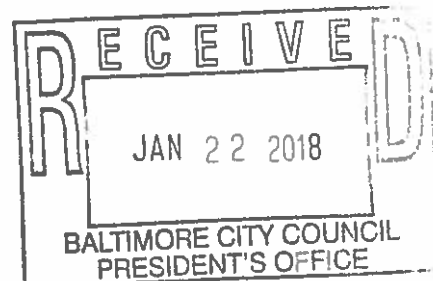
The above mentioned bill was referred to the Department of Real Estate for review. As is the case of all naming and renaming, I defer to the wisdom of that district's delegation and generally to the City Council.

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

WJH/law

cc. Kyron Banks

*no
obj*



CITY OF BALTIMORE

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

January 19, 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 #17-0156 RENAMING
HARRIET TUBMAN GROVE AT WYMAN PARK DELL**

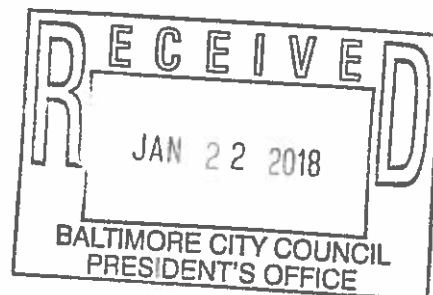
The Department of Recreation & Parks recommends that the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell be renamed the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

Following the rally and subsequent removal of the confederate Lee-Jackson Memorial, the community continued to spontaneously come together at Wyman Park. A location that had once inspired protest has been transformed into a contemplative and peaceful retreat.

The Friends of Wyman Park Dell and surrounding neighbors came to Recreation & Parks with the idea to rename this area. We wholeheartedly support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Reginald Moore
Director



CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. Holliday Street
Suite 101, City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

January 17, 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 17-0156 – City Property – Naming the Southwestern
“Plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman
Grove at Wyman Park Dell

Dear President and City Council Members:

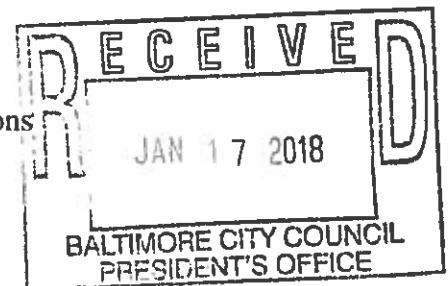
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0156 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to name the southwestern “plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s main park area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

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. Assuming the property will be controlled by one of the agencies to whom the bill was referred for comment, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Landis
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Andre M. 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



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TJS

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 #17-0156/ CITY PROPERTY – NAMING THE SOUTHWESTERN "PLATEAU" OF WYMAN PARK DELL'S MAIN PARK AREA TO BE THE HARRIET TUBMAN GROVE AT WYMAN PARK DELL		

DATE: December 26, 2017

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

At its regular meeting of December 21, 2017, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #17-0156, for the naming of the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's main park area bounded roughly by the wooded steep slope to the east, the 29th Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #17-0156 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor):

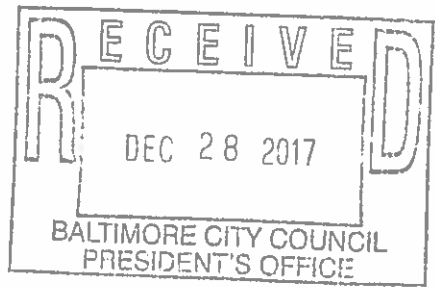
RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its Departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #17-0156 be passed by the City Council.

Attachment

TJS/WA

- cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
- Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
- Mr. Kyron Banks, 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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Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean Davis, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stasur
Director

December 21, 2017

REQUEST: City Council Bill #17-0156/ City Property Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONERS: Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke

OWNERS: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: Wyman Park Dell is a 16-acre public park in Baltimore City. Located south of Johns Hopkins University and The Baltimore Museum of Art, it is surrounded by two neighborhoods: Charles Village to the east and south, and Remington to the west.

General Area: This property is in the southeastern portion of a predominantly residential area known as John Hopkins Homewood. It is comprised of multifamily and single family buildings and buildings that support the Homewood campus.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

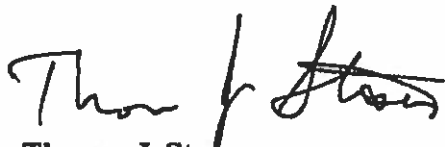
Dr. Marvin "Doc" Cheatham, president of the Matthew A. Henson Development Corporation held a press conference at the monument of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson in the Wyman Park Dell days after the Charleston White Supremacist shooting at the AME Church in June 2015. He and other leaders called for removal of the statue of confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson and replacement by a statue of Harriet Tubman. In December 2015 community members testified before the Mayor's Commission on Confederate Monuments and recommended a statue of Harriet Tubman as an alternative to the confederate statues. In August 2017, Mayor Catherine Pugh ordered the removal of the all of the confederate monuments in the city.

Art-Part'heid, a group of: 500 artists, art supporters, community organizers, business owners, activists and stakeholders, held five teach ins, called Monumental Moments: A Series of Imaginings, at locations across the City (including in 14th, 11th, 13th, 6th, and 7th

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The Friends of Wyman Park Dell have been working with the Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks to plan short projects to improve this area of the park. This organization hopes that the dedication and renaming will be a catalyst to engage the community in planning longer-term improvements to this part of the park.

Notification: Planning staff notified the Charles Village Civic Association, Village Parents, Remington Neighborhood Alliance, and Charles Village Community Benefits District of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Thomas J. Stosur
Director

City of Baltimore

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

17-0156

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

17-0156

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Sponsors: Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr.

A motion was made by Member Clarke, seconded by Member Scott, that Council Bill #17-0156 be Recommended Favorably with Amendment. 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: 17-0156

City Property - Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chaired By: Councilmember Eric Costello

Hearing Date: January 23, 2018
Time (Beginning): 10:05 a.m.
Time (Ending): 10:20 a.m.
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: ~20
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:	Councilwoman Clarke		
Seconded by:	Councilman Scott		
Final Vote:	Favorable, 6-0		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Dr. Marvin Cheatham, Sr., MAHNA
- C. Ryan Patterson, Friends of Wyman Park Dell
- Sandy Sparks, Charles Village Civic Association

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello introduced the proceedings, and discussed the reports of various City agencies. Each agency stood by its report.
 2. Vice Chair Clarke discussed the history of 17-0156. She stated that she had attended a rally with Dr. Marvin Cheatham at the Wyman Park Dell regarding the removal of confederate monuments. She added that the idea for the Harriet Tubman dedication arose from this rally. The Vice Chair thanked everyone involved with the planning of said dedication, including the Mayor for removing the monuments to the confederacy. Vice Chair Clarke mentioned that the space to be dedicated is a peaceful gathering place, and that post-dedication, there will be some additional work on the space including landscaping.
 3. Dr. Marvin Cheatham, Sr. expressed his support for 17-0156. He noted the many roles and accomplishments of Harriet Tubman, and read aloud a portion of a letter from Frederick Douglass to Ms. Tubman. Dr. Cheatham stated that the confederate monuments that used to occupy the Wyman Park Dell were divisive, whereas Harriet Tubman is a unifying agent.
 4. Mr. C. Ryan Patterson discussed the Friends of Wyman Park Dell's support for the Bill. He added that several capital improvements will be made to the space after the dedication.
 5. Ms. Sandy Sparks discussed the Charles Village Civic Association's support for 17-0156. She stated that the Dell is a natural gathering space that offers a lot of programming for public consumption.
 6. Vice Chair Clarke put forth two amendments that were passed unanimously, including adding Councilman Ryan Dorsey as a sponsor and noting a special effective date for the legislation.
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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

D'Paul Nibber

D'Paul Nibber, Committee Staff

Date: January 23, 2018

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee is to investigate and study the continuing operations, efficiency, and functions of Baltimore City government in accordance with the laws of Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, and the United States.

As a result of its investigations and studies, the Committee will recommend and oversee reforms to improve the operations of Baltimore City's government through legislative, administrative, and/or budgetary processes.

**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

10:00 AM

CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Bill 17-0156

***City Property - Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's
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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Eric Costello – Chair
Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair
Bill Henry
Sharon Green Middleton
Brandon M. Scott
Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer
Shannon Sneed
Staff: Marguerite Currin

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Zeke Cohen – Chair
Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair
John Bullock
Kristerfer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Staff: D’Paul Nibber

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Robert Stokes – Chair
Kristerfer Burnett – Vice Chair
Mary Pat Clarke
Zeke Cohen
Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer
Staff: Marguerite Currin

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

John Bullock – Chair
Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer – Vice Chair
Kristerfer Burnett
Bill Henry
Shannon Sneed
Zeke Cohen
Ryan Dorsey
Staff: Richard Krummerich

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Staff: D’Paul Nibber

LABOR

Shannon Sneed – Chair
Robert Stokes – Vice Chair
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Mary Pat Clarke
Staff: Marguerite Currin

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Edward Reisinger - Chair
Sharon Green Middleton – Vice Chair
Mary Pat Clarke
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Staff: Jennifer Coates

PUBLIC SAFETY

Brandon Scott – Chair
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Staff: Richard Krummerich

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- *Larry Greene (pension only)*

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Bill 17-0156

City Property - Naming The Southwestern "Plateau" Of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park Area To Be The Harriet Tubman Grove At Wyman Park Dell

Sponsor: Councilmember Clarke, et al
Introduced: October 30, 2017

Purpose:

For the purpose of naming the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's main park area, bounded roughly by the wooded steep slope to the east, the 29th Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

Effective: Upon the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

Hearing Date/Time/Location: January 23, 2018/10:00 a.m./Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

Agency Reports

Law Department
Planning Commission
Department of Real Estate
Department of Recreation and Parks

Favorable
Favorable
No Objections
Favorable

ANALYSIS

Current Law

The City Code requires that property owned by the Mayor and City Council be renamed by ordinance according to City Code, Article 5, §20-1, et. seq.

Background

Council Bill 17-0156 names a portion of the Wyman Park Dell after Harriet Tubman, leader of the Underground Railroad. The Bill delineates the boundaries of said property with the following statement: "The area is roughly bounded by the wooded steep slope to the east; the 29th Street spur road (and any future iteration of this spur road should it be converted to parking as described in the Wyman Park Dell Master Plan) and park entrance (South Steps) to the south; the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north; and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west (from the 29th Street spur road intersection with Howard Street, northward for approximately ¼ of the length of Art Museum Drive, measured from the intersection of Wyman Park Drive and Art Museum Drive)."

The Law Department approved 17-0156 for form and legal sufficiency, "assuming the property will be controlled by one of the agencies to whom the bill was referred for comment." Similarly, the Planning Commission offered a favorable report, citing support from the president of the Matthew A. Henson Development Corporation, Dr. Marvin "Doc" Cheatham, and Art-Part-heid. According to the Planning Commission, The Friends of Wyman Park Dell are also supportive of the naming. Citing public support, the Department of Recreation and Parks provided a favorable report. The Department of Real Estate has no objections to the Bill.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Law Department; Planning Commission; Department of Real Estate;
Department of Recreation and Parks

Analysis by: *D'Paul S. Nibber*
D'Paul S. Nibber
Analysis Date: January 19, 2018

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1268

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0156
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Stokes, Middleton

Introduced and read first time: October 30, 2017

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

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11 Section 20-2
12 Baltimore City Code
13 (Edition 2000)

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26 approximately ¼ of the length of Art Museum Drive, measured from the
27 intersection of Wyman Park Drive and Art Museum Drive).

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

Council Bill 17-0156

Hearing Date: January 23, 2018

Agency Reports:

- **Law Department**
 - Favorable
- **Planning Commission**
 - Favorable
- **Department of Real Estate**
 - No Objections
- **Department of Recreation and Parks**
 - No Objections

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. Holliday Street
Suite 101, City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

January 17, 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 17-0156 – City Property – Naming the Southwestern
“Plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman
Grove at Wyman Park Dell

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0156 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to name the southwestern “plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s main park area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

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. Assuming the property will be controlled by one of the agencies to whom the bill was referred for comment, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Landis
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Andre M. 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. Tervalá, Chief Solicitor

TJS

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 #17-0156/ CITY PROPERTY - NAMING THE SOUTHWESTERN "PLATEAU" OF WYMAN PARK DELL'S MAIN PARK AREA TO BE THE HARRIET TUBMAN GROVE AT WYMAN PARK DELL		

DATE: December 26, 2017

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

At its regular meeting of December 21, 2017, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #17-0156, for the naming of the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's main park area bounded roughly by the wooded steep slope to the east, the 29th Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #17-0156 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 #17-0156 be passed by the City Council.

Attachment

TJS/WA

- cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
- Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
- Mr. Kyron Banks, 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



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean Davis, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

December 21, 2017

REQUEST: City Council Bill #17-0156/ City Property Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONERS: Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke

OWNERS: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: Wyman Park Dell is a 16-acre public park in Baltimore City. Located south of Johns Hopkins University and The Baltimore Museum of Art, it is surrounded by two neighborhoods: Charles Village to the east and south, and Remington to the west.

General Area: This property is in the southeastern portion of a predominantly residential area known as John Hopkins Homewood. It is comprised of multifamily and single family buildings and buildings that support the Homewood campus.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

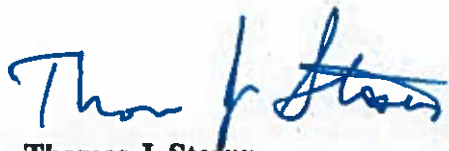
Dr. Marvin "Doc" Cheatham, president of the Matthew A. Henson Development Corporation held a press conference at the monument of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson in the Wyman Park Dell days after the Charleston White Supremacist shooting at the AME Church in June 2015. He and other leaders called for removal of the statue of confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson and replacement by a statue of Harriet Tubman. In December 2015 community members testified before the Mayor's Commission on Confederate Monuments and recommended a statue of Harriet Tubman as an alternative to the confederate statues. In August 2017, Mayor Catherine Pugh ordered the removal of the all of the confederate monuments in the city.

Art-Part'heid, a group of: 500 artists, art supporters, community organizers, business owners, activists and stakeholders, held five teach ins, called Monumental Moments: A Series of Imaginings, at locations across the City (including in 14th, 11th, 13th, 6th, and 7th


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The Friends of Wyman Park Dell have been working with the Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks to plan short projects to improve this area of the park. This organization hopes that the dedication and renaming will be a catalyst to engage the community in planning longer-term improvements to this part of the park.

Notification: Planning staff notified the Charles Village Civic Association, Village Parents, Remington Neighborhood Alliance, and Charles Village Community Benefits District of this matter.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

F R O M	Name & Title	Walter <i>Walter Austin</i> 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 –17-0156 Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell		

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: January 22, 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

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

January 19, 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 #17-0156 RENAMING
HARRIET TUBMAN GROVE AT WYMAN PARK DELL**

The Department of Recreation & Parks recommends that the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell be renamed the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

Following the rally and subsequent removal of the confederate Lee-Jackson Memorial, the community continued to spontaneously come together at Wyman Park. A location that had once inspired protest has been transformed into a contemplative and peaceful retreat.

The Friends of Wyman Park Dell and surrounding neighbors came to Recreation & Parks with the idea to rename this area. We wholeheartedly support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Reginald Moore
Director

**JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE**

Council Bill 17-0156

Hearing Date: January 23, 2018

Attachments:

- **Clarke Amendments**
- **Harriet Tubman Grove Map**
- **Timeline**
- **Testimony of Erin O’Keefe**
- **Testimony of Friends of Wyman Park Dell**
- **Testimony of Charles Village Civic Association**
- **Testimony of Lauren Adams**
- **Testimony of Jennifer Harr**

**AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 17-0156
(1" Reader Copy)**

By: Councilmember Clarke
{To be offered to the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee}

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in the second line of sponsors, after "Middleton", insert ", Dorsey".

Amendment No. 2

On page 1, in line 8, after "Dell", insert "; and providing for a special effective date"; and, on the same page, in lines 28 and 29, strike "the 30th day after".



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N Charles St

Art Museum Dr

Baltimore
Museum of Art

**Harriet
Tubman
Grove**

Wyman Park Dr

Wyman Park Dr

W 29th St

Johns Hopkins
University
Homewood
Campus

WYMAN
PARK DELL

Stone Wall

Stone Wall



From: Owen Silverman Andrews [mailto:owen.s.andrews@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 05, 2017 6:10 AM
To: Clarke, Mary Pat <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Murdock, Stephanie <Stephanie.Murdock@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: co-sponsors and other support for Harriet bill

Dear Councilwoman Mary Pat,

Here is a timeline of events that lead to Harriet's name being put forward by the community.
Avidly,
Owen

-Dr. Marvin "Doc" Cheatham held a press conference at the Lee-Jackson Monument in Wyman Park Dell days after the Charleston White Supremacist shooting at the AME Church in June 2015. He and other leaders called for removal of Lee-Jackson and replacement by Harriet Tubman.

-Activists began collecting petition signatures during ArtScape 2015.

-Nearly 300 signature were delivered to Councilmembers Clarke and Costello (the 3 Confederate monuments were located in their districts). Councilwoman Clarke was responsive and helpful.

-Artists and activists erected Pablo Machioli's Madre Luz sculpture in front of Lee-Jackson monument in Oct. 2015. It was removed within 22 hrs after a Towson-based leader of the MD Sons of Confederate Veterans complained to Rec and Parks via email.

-Many community members testified before the Mayor's Commission on Confederate Monuments in Dec. 2015 and brought up Tubman as an alternative. The Commission's recommendations were not acted on by Mayors Rawlings-Blake and Pugh.

-After the recent White Supremacist violence in Charlottesville in 2017, thousands marched in Charles Village, and Madre Luz was once again installed in front of Lee-Jackson.

-After a community plan to pull down Lee-Jackson went viral, Mayor Pugh acted to remove it along with three other monuments.

-Madre Luz remained for six days until the Solicitor's staff ordered it removed, due to hypothetical 1st Amendment issues related to what the City would do if Neo-Confederates installed a racist piece of art in the same space, without conferring with Councilwoman Clarke, Rec and Parks, or BPD Northern District Commander Gibson. It was badly damaged in the removal.

-Artpartheid co-founder Sheila Gaskins held five teach ins, called Monumental Moments: A Series of Imaginings, at locations across the City (including in 14th, 11th, 13th, 6th, and 7th District locations) asking the community to reflect and envision what should come next in the spaces vacated by the four monuments and especially Lee-Jackson. Harriet Tubman's name was raised independently at each event, with wide consensus.

-Throughout, organizers, activists, and educators were working with Councilwoman Clarke to bring forward restorative legislation to demonstrate commitment on the part of the City to honoring liberators, not enslavers. This ordinance is the result of 2.5 years of grassroots work, mostly by artists, activists, and educators of color acting almost exclusively in a volunteer capacity to improve our City.

From: Erin O'Keefe [<mailto:eokeefe1@lovolia.edu>]

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 12:28 PM

To: Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat

Cc: Leahy, Cindy

Subject: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations: Harriett Tubman Grove

As I am unable to attend the hearing, please accept my comment in support of bill 17-0156 and the proposal to name and dedicate a portion of Wyman Park Dell as the "Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell."

As a homeowner overlooking this section of the park, I applaud this timely renaming and dedication and its alignment with the Wyman Park Dell Masterplan.

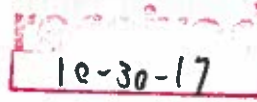
Many thanks,
Erin O'Keefe
2944 Wyman Pkway

received
1-18-18



October 30, 2017

Office of Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young
100 N. Holliday St, Suite 400
Baltimore, MD 21202



Dear Council President Young and the honorable members of Baltimore City Council,

We, the Board of the Friends of the Wyman Park Dell, write to provide the most enthusiastic support of Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's proposal to dedicate and name a portion of Wyman Park Dell in honor of the American hero Harriet Tubman. As volunteer stewards and advocates for community based improvements and enhancements to Wyman Park Dell since 1983, the Friends welcome the proposed renaming and find it an important addition to the park for at least three reasons.

First, we believe that the designation as "Harriet Tubman Grove" reflects the local community's desire to reclaim this important public space. Until its removal, the Lee Jackson Monument, had been the most prominent feature of this portion of the park. It also served as a divisive political icon since it was installed in 1948. The presence of a monument dedicated to perpetuating the myth of the Lost Cause actively discouraged a significant portion of residents from enjoying the area of the park that surrounded it. Since the removal of the statue in August, this area of the park has increasingly become a gathering place for city residents of all backgrounds to meet, talk, exchange points of view, and enjoy the location as a space that symbolizes hope and positive change. We hope that dedicating and naming a portion of the park for Harriet Tubman will continue to strengthen community and further encourage individuals to gather and build relationships in this beautiful public space. In contrast to Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, Harriet Tubman was a Maryland native and respected hero who embodies the values of our community, including respect for all people and pursuit of justice.

Secondly, after years of focused financial investment and volunteer hours dedicated to the southeastern corner of the park (the "Union Plateau"), the Friends of the Wyman Park Dell are now focused on improving the western edge along Howard Street and the approach from Wyman Park Drive. For example, we recently obtained grant funding to prune trees and are partnering with Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks to remove dead trees across this area. We have met with DRP Deputy Director William Vondrasek to identify short-term improvements to this area, and we see this dedication and naming as a catalyst to engage the community in planning for longer-term improvements to this side of the park.

Finally, this dedication of a grove of trees seems a fitting honor for a great abolitionist and U.S. Army spy who traveled countless miles through Maryland forests. The proposal to name part of Wyman Park Dell as "Harriet Tubman Grove" provides the city an opportunity to correct a historic injustice for a Maryland native. Our city has not yet properly recognized Harriet Tubman, who died in poverty.

We encourage the City Council to consider swift review and approval of this proposal.

Sincerely,

C. Ryan Patterson
Board of Directors President,
Friends of Wyman Park Dell

Attachment- Current Friends of Wyman Park Dell Board of Directors List



Attachment I:
Friends of Wyman Park Dell Board of Directors
2017-2018

Officers

C. Ryan Patterson, *President*

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Cailin McGough, *Secretary*

Richard Fawcett*, *Treasurer*

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*Denotes Emeritus



January 19, 2017

The Honorable Eric T. Costello, Chair
City Council Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Received
1-19-17

Re: Council Bill 17-0156, Naming the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell

Dear Councilman Costello:

The of Charles Village Civic Association (CVCA) strongly supports naming the southwestern plateau of Wyman Park Dell's main park area, near Art Museum Drive, Wyman Park Drive and Howard Street, the *Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell*. This dedication of the wooded plateau where the Lee and Jackson Confederate Monument was removed in August, 2017, is most appropriate to honor African-American Harriett Tubman, the legendary abolitionist and humanitarian born on Maryland's Eastern Shore, who guided hundreds of fellow slaves on the Underground Railroad to freedom.

Shaded by hundred-year old oak and beech trees, the plateau offers a peaceful environment for daily respite. Throughout the year, this space naturally welcomes diverse community gatherings. CVCA recognizes the high quality of stewardship by the Friends of Wyman Park Dell for year-round maintenance and programming of this public parkland. In addition, the location of the Harriet Tubman Grove across from the Baltimore Museum of Art, offers great opportunities to extend BMA program outreach into the community.

We urge enthusiastic support for the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kirsch Jones, President
2828 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218
443-682-2112 kirsch.jones@gmail.com

CC: Mary Pat Clarke, City Council Representative, 14th District
Robert Stokes, City Council Representative, 12th District
Ryan Patterson, President, Friends of Wyman Park Dell

CVCA Officers

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From: lauren adams <laurenfrancesadams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; Nibber, Dpaul
Subject: Harriet Tubman Grove Support

Hello City Council Members,

I am writing in support of naming the Western side of Wyman Park to Harriet Tubman Grove. Baltimore City has not formally or properly recognized Harriet Tubman, Maryland hero. Wyman Park is a fitting place for this recognition, particularly due to the recent removal of the Confederate Jackson-Lee statue.

I am a resident of Charles Village and use the Wyman Park weekly and sometimes daily. It is one of my favorite places in Baltimore City. If the Council could honor Tubman through this naming process, Wyman Park would become an even more treasured site of historical import and future ideals.

Thank you for your consideration on this topic.
Lauren Frances Adams, Baltimore January 2017

received
1-22-18

From: J Harr [<mailto:jennharr@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 11:39 AM

To: Stokes, Robert; Costello, Eric; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon

Subject: support of Bill 17-0156

Dear committee members,

As a constituent of Baltimore City I urge you to support the bill to rename and dedicate a portion of Wyman Park Dell to Harriet Tubman. Let's honor civil rights activists and show the city that we value Americans who fight bravely for just causes such as racial equality.

Thank you in advance for considering this request,

Jennifer Harr
443 388 7145

received
1-22-18

City of Baltimore

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

Meeting Agenda - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

17-0156

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr.

ADJOURNMENT

This Meeting is Open to the Public

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0156
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Stokes,
Middleton

Introduced and read first time: October 30, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of
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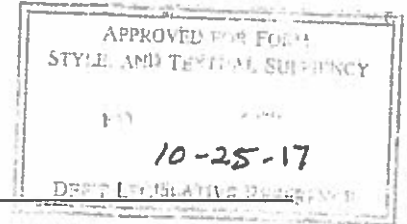
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____



Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

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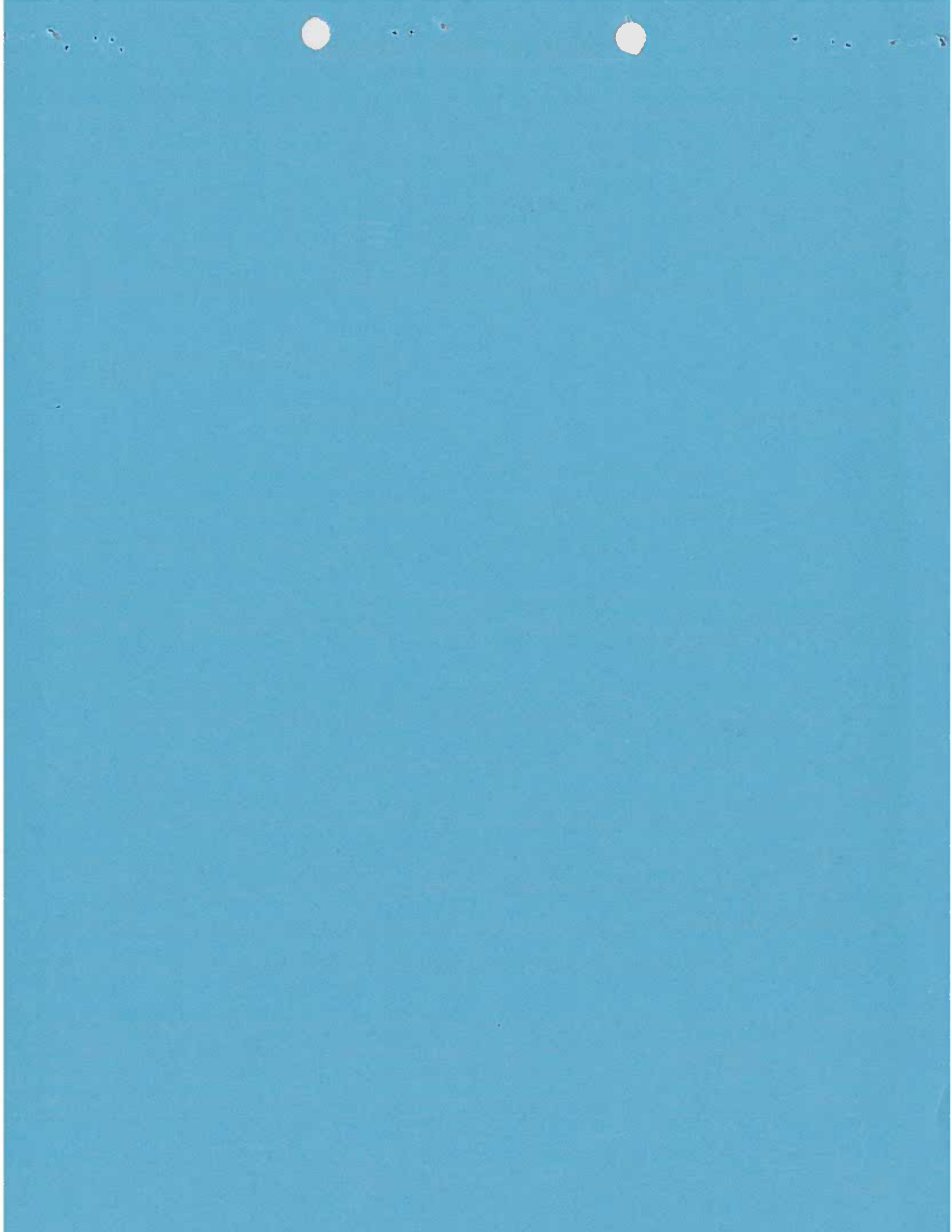
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Wyman Park Dell

Exhibit Prepared By:
Mahan Rykiel Associates.

07/18/15



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 OCT 30 2017

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ JANUARY 23 _____ 20 18

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ FEBRUARY 25 _____ 20 18

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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:

20 FEB 05 2018

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

THIRD READING _____ 20 FEB 26 2018

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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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.

President

Chief Clerk

F R O M	Name & Title	Walter <i>Walter</i> 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 –17-0156 Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell		

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

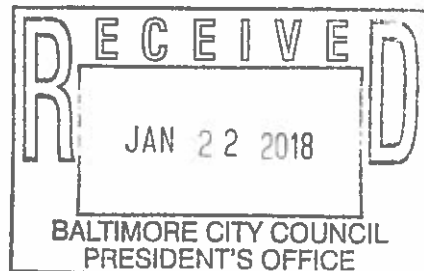
DATE: January 22, 2018

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
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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

January 19, 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 #17-0156 RENAMING
HARRIET TUBMAN GROVE AT WYMAN PARK DELL**

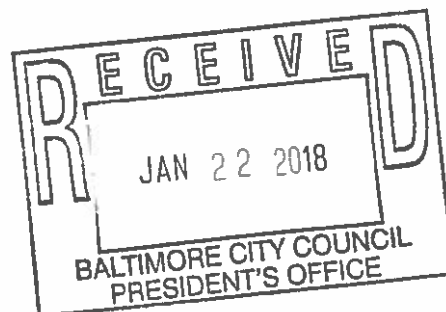
The Department of Recreation & Parks recommends that the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell be renamed the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

Following the rally and subsequent removal of the confederate Lee-Jackson Memorial, the community continued to spontaneously come together at Wyman Park. A location that had once inspired protest has been transformed into a contemplative and peaceful retreat.

The Friends of Wyman Park Dell and surrounding neighbors came to Recreation & Parks with the idea to rename this area. We wholeheartedly support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Reginald Moore
Director



CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. Holliday Street
Suite 101, City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

January 17, 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 17-0156 – City Property – Naming the Southwestern
“Plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman
Grove at Wyman Park Dell

Dear President and City Council Members:

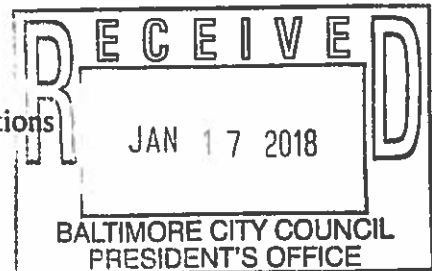
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0156 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to name the southwestern “plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s main park area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

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. Assuming the property will be controlled by one of the agencies to whom the bill was referred for comment, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.


Sincerely,

Jennifer Landis
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Andre M. 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. Tervalo, Chief Solicitor



TJS

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 #17-0156/ CITY PROPERTY - NAMING THE SOUTHWESTERN "PLATEAU" OF WYMAN PARK DELL'S MAIN PARK AREA TO BE THE HARRIET TUBMAN GROVE AT WYMAN PARK DELL.		

DATE: December 26, 2017

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

At its regular meeting of December 21, 2017, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #17-0156, for the naming of the southwestern "plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's main park area bounded roughly by the wooded steep slope to the east, the 29th Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #17-0156 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor):

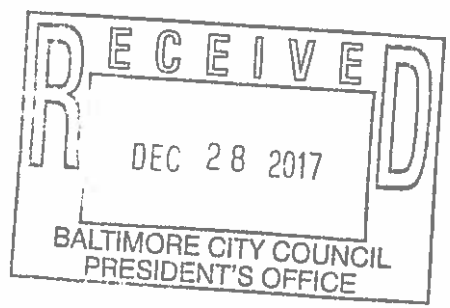
RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its Departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #17-0156 be passed by the City Council.

Attachment

TJS/WA

- cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
- Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
- Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office
- Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
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- Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
- Mr. Patrick Fleming, DOT
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Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean Davis, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

December 21, 2017

REQUEST: City Council Bill #17-0156/ City Property Naming the Southwestern "Plateau" of Wyman Park Dell's Main Park Area to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONERS: Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke

OWNERS: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: Wyman Park Dell is a 16-acre public park in Baltimore City. Located south of Johns Hopkins University and The Baltimore Museum of Art, it is surrounded by two neighborhoods: Charles Village to the east and south, and Remington to the west.

General Area: This property is in the southeastern portion of a predominantly residential area known as John Hopkins Homewood. It is comprised of multifamily and single family buildings and buildings that support the Homewood campus.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

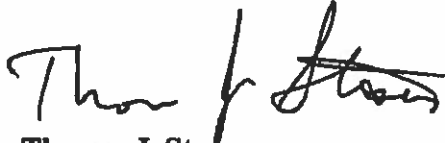
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The Friends of Wyman Park Dell have been working with the Baltimore City's Department of Recreation and Parks to plan short projects to improve this area of the park. This organization hopes that the dedication and renaming will be a catalyst to engage the community in planning longer-term improvements to this part of the park.

Notification: Planning staff notified the Charles Village Civic Association, Village Parents, Remington Neighborhood Alliance, and Charles Village Community Benefits District of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Thomas J. Stosur
Director

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0156
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Stokes,
Middleton

Introduced and read first time: October 30, 2017

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

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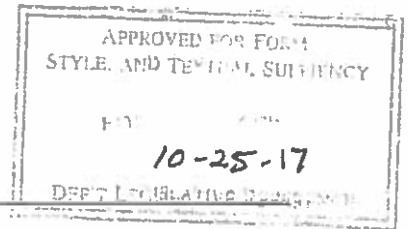
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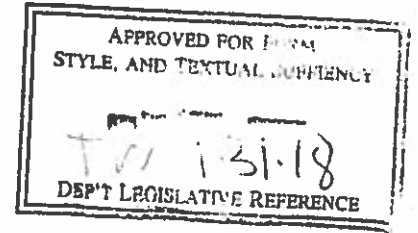
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AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 17-0156
(1st Reader Copy)



By: The Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
{To be offered on the Council Floor}

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in the second line of sponsors, after "Middleton", insert ". Dorsey".

Amendment No. 2

On page 1, in line 8, after "Dell", insert "; and providing for a special effective date"; and, on the same page, in lines 28 and 29, strike "the 30th day after".

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE
Council Bill 17-0156

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Stokes,
Middleton, Dorsey

Introduced and read first time: October 30, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: February 5, 2018

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Council Bill 17-0156

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City