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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CCB #08-0151/ CITY PROPERTY- NAMING THE NEW CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE AT 3800 EAST BIDDLE STREET TO BE THE GEORGE L. WINFIELD FLEET MANTENCE FACILITY		

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

DATE: September 15, 2008

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 08-0151 concerning the naming of the new central garage at 3800 E. Biddle Street to the "George L. Winfield Fleet Management Facility". This facility is named after the late Mr. George L. Winfield who was the Director of the Baltimore City's Department of Public Works until his death in December of 2007.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #08-0151 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 #08-0151 be passed by the City Council.

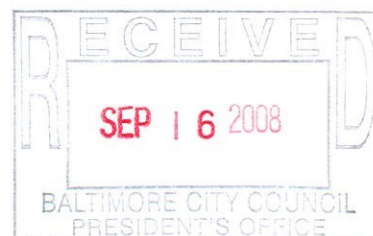
If you have any questions, please contact Wolde Ararsa, Acting Division Chief of Land Use and Urban Design, at (410) 396-4488.

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Attachment

CC:

- Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Demuane Millard, Mayor's Office
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Rep – Planning Commission
- Mr. Paul Graziano, Commissioner of DHCD
- Ms. Nikol Naybors-Jackson, DHCD
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Larry Greene, Council Services
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration



# PLANNING COMMISSION

## STAFF REPORT

September 11, 2008

**REQUEST:** CCB 08-0151/Naming the New Central Garage at 3800 E. Biddle St. George L. Winfield Fleet Management Facility

For the purpose of naming the new Central Maintenance Garage, located at 3800 East Biddle Street, to be the George L. Winfield Fleet Maintenance Facility.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Melvin Hicks

**PETITIONERS:** Baltimore City Council

**OWNER:** Mayor and City Council

### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

**Site Conditions:** The 3800 East Biddle Street property is the site of Department of Public Works' new central maintenance garage facility that is being relocated from Dickman Street. The land uses surrounding this property are industrial (M-3).

**General Area:** This subject city-own facility is located at the terminus of East Biddle Street within the Orangeville Industrial Area. This site is located in the eastern district of Baltimore City.

### **HISTORY**

There are no previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

### **ANALYSIS**

This bill will name the new Central Garage at 3800 E. Biddle Street the "George L. Winfield Fleet Management Facility," in honor of the late Director of Baltimore City's Department of Public Works. Mr. Winfield passed away in December of 2007, after 30+ years of service to the City. The new Central Garage facility will replace the Dickman Street Garage and is near completion of construction.

George L. Winfield, a native of Petersburg, Virginia, enlisted with the Air Force (1964-1968), which included service in Vietnam. Afterwards, he received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Howard University in 1972 and a Masters in Bio-Environmental Engineering in 1973. His employment with Baltimore City began in 1973 in the Collections Division of the Bureau of Solid Waste where he progressed to the position of Bureau Chief, before becoming the head of the Department of Public Works Bureau of General Services and Deputy-Director of Public Works. In 1989 he was named "Black Engineer of the Year", a national award given by Career Communications Group, Inc. After a short retirement (1996-2000), he was appointed

Director of Public Works in 2000 as the City's first African-American Director. During Mr. Winfield's time as the Director of the Department of Public Works, he served on the City's Board of Estimates, various boards and commissions, and was a member of many professional organizations.

As Director of Public Works, Mr. Winfield's motto was, "Achieving is Working Together". This motto reflected his management style, his humility, and his open door policy to his employees. During his reign, he directed the efforts of more than 3,500 employees in the delivery of water, wastewater, and solid waste services to Baltimore's citizens, and the maintenance of City buildings and fleet of vehicles and equipment. He oversaw the award-winning renovations of Loch Raven Dam, the critical beginning years of the \$900 million Consent Decree, the initiation of a City and Coast Guard agreement for a landfill gas-to-energy project, multiple neighborhood cleaning initiatives, and the DPW Calendar ("Best Use of Taxpayer Money", *City Paper*, 2005).

In mid-November 2007, he suffered a stroke and passed away on December 1, 2007. On December 8, there was a funeral service, "celebration of life" to honor his career and life. One of the projects begun under Mr. Winfield's tenure is the relocation and building of a new Central Maintenance Garage for the repair and maintenance of the City's fleet of vehicles and equipment. Located at 3800 East Biddle Street, this state-of-the-art facility will be completed in late fall of 2008.

The Department of Planning recognizes the many outstanding contributions that Mr. Winfield made to the Department of Public Works and the City of Baltimore. Therefore staff strongly believes that it is a fitting tribute to name the new Central Maintenance Garage, the George L. Winfield Fleet Maintenance Facility.

Staff notified Ms. Ruby Winfield, the Department of Public Works, and the City Council Representative of this action.



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Acting Director