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<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0688 / RENAMING LEHIGH AND GOUGH PARK TO GLORIA HERTZFELT PLAYGROUND		

TO

DATE:

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

May 6, 2011

At its regular meeting of May 5, 2011 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #11-0688, which is for the purpose of changing the name of Leigh and Gough Park, located at 4500 Gough Street, to Gloria Hertzfelt Playground.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended the approval of City Council Bill #11-0688 and adopted the following resolution, five members being present (five in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #11-0688 be passed by the City Council.

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

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor  
 Ms. Thomasina Hiers, Deputy Chief of Staff  
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office  
 The Honorable Bill Henry, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
 Mr. David Tanner, BMZA  
 Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
 Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD  
 Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services  
 Mr. Larry Greene, Council Services





*Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

*Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman*



*Thomas J. Stosur*  
Director

## STAFF REPORT

May 5, 2011

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #11-0688/ City Property – Renaming Lehigh and Gough Park to Gloria Hertzfelt Playground

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Melvin Hicks

**PETITIONERS:** Greektown Community Development Corporation

**OWNER:** Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

**Site Conditions:** Lehigh and Gough Park is a public park that is located in a mixed use area. It is adjacent to industrial and residential land uses. The property is currently improved with playground equipment.

**General Area:** The public playground is located in Southeast Baltimore City and is bounded by Oldham Street to the east, a rail line to the west, and Gough Street to the south.

### **HISTORY**

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

### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

This action is consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, with respect to the enhancement of Baltimore's history and culture.

### **ANALYSIS**

Gloria Hertzfelt, a resident for many years of the Greektown Community, has been involved for a long time in efforts to improve the general living environment of her community. She has been an active member in her neighborhood association, the Greektown Community Neighborhood Association, and through her association with the Greektown Alliance, she was a strong partner and actively involved in the renovation of her neighborhood's playground for children. To this present day, she oversees the continued maintenance of this playground.

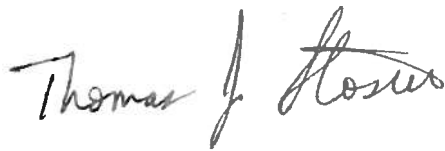
Among her other volunteer activities, she had a long term involvement in Baltimore City's Youth Summer Job Corp and was a long term member of the Community Advisory Board of



Baltimore City's Community Action Center, located at 3411 Bank Street. She has also been a long term volunteer at the John Booth Senior Center of Baltimore City.

As a result of Ms. Hertzfelt strong community work and playground advocacy for children, the Greektown Community Development Corporation felt that the renaming of the public playground to Gloria Hertzfelt would be a fitting tribute. The Planning Department's staff concurs with the community and supports the renaming of Lehigh and Gough Park to Gloria Hertzfelt Playground.

Staff notified Southeast Community Development Corporation-(SCDC), Greektown Business Alliance, Inc., Southeastern Neighborhoods Development (SEND), Greater Greektown Neighborhood Alliance, Eastern Community Action Center, Southeast Presidents Council, and Southeastern District Police Community Relations Council of this action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Thomas J. Stosur**  
**Director**

