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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 PROPERTY-NAMING THE BUILDING IN LEON DAY PARK THE BETTY HAWKINS COMMUNITY CENTER CITY COUNCIL BILL #13-0273/ BALTIMORE CITY		

DATE:

TO

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

October 29, 2013

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill 13-0273, for the purpose of naming the building in Leon Day Park, the Park being located south of Franklinton Road and east of the Gwynns Falls stream and the Western Maryland Railroad, to be the Betty Hawkins Community Center.

Ms. Hawkins was a stalwart in the Rosemont community and one of the founders of the Leon Day Foundation. She was a community leader instrumental in the renaming of the former Bloomingdale Park to the Leon Day Park. Leon Day was a Hall of Fame Negro League baseball player who resided in the Rosemont community. Ms. Hawkins held an annual back to school giveaway of school supplies for neighborhood children. Betty Hawkins was one of the persons responsible for securing a grant for the improvement of the park from the Baltimore Ravens. Ms. Hawkins unfortunately passed away July 28, 2012.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill 13-0273, the naming of the building in Leon Day Park the Betty Hawkins Community Center.

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

- cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Chief for Economic and Neighborhood Development
- Mr. Alex Sanchez, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
- Mr. Nicholas Blendy, DHCD
- Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT
- Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services
- Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
- Mr. Ernest Burkeen Jr., Recreation and Parks
- Ms. Valerie McGuire, Recreation and Parks
- The Honorable William Welch 9th District