


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 #17-0046 / CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING HARLEM DENISON PARK		

DATE:

TO

May 4, 2017

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

At its regular meeting of May 4, 2017, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #17-0046, for the purpose of changing the name of Harlem Denison Park, located at 3421 Harlem Avenue, to William Donald Schaefer Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #17-0046 and adopted the following resolution; six members being present (six in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #17-0046 be passed by the City Council.

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: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
 Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
 Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
 Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor's Office
 Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office
 The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
 The Honorable Kristerfer Burnett, 8th District
 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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Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

May 4, 2017

REQUEST: City Council Bill #17-0046/ City Property - Renaming Harlem Denison Park to be the William Donald Schaefer Park:

For the purpose of changing the name of Harlem Denison Park, located at 3421 Harlem Avenue, to William Donald Schaefer Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Eric Tiso

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kristerfer Burnett

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The Harlem Denison Park is located at 3421 Harlem Avenue, on the south side of Harlem Avenue, approximately 125' west of the intersection with Denison Street.

General Area: This park is located within the Edgewood neighborhood, a predominantly residential neighborhood, where a majority of the housing stock is comprised of row houses. The neighborhood is bordered by Edmondson Avenue on the south, Mount Holly Street on the west, the Gwynns Falls-Leakin Park on the north, and Hilton Parkway on the east.

HISTORY

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

ANALYSIS

Background: As captioned in the recitals section of the bill, the Harlem Denison Park had fallen into disrepair over a period of years. Recently, with the help of the Parks and People Foundation's investment of \$65,000, the park has been cleaned and improved in partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks. The park has been known in name only by the nearest intersection of streets, and residents wanted a new name that reflects the character of the neighborhood. This request is to name the park after William Donald Schaefer, former Mayor of Baltimore City, and 58th Governor of Maryland, who was also a neighborhood resident at 620 Edgewood Street – one block to the west of the park.

Notification: The following community organizations have been notified of this action: the Edgewood Neighborhood Association, the Lyndhurst Community Association, the Edmondson Village Community Association, the Rognel Heights Community Association, and the Allendale Community Association.

Thomas J. Stosur
Director