

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 #17-0165/ CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING MADISON PARK TO NATHAN C. IRBY, JR. PARK		

TO

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

DATE: December 26, 2017

At its regular meeting of December 21, 2017, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #17-0165, for the purpose of changing the name of Madison Park, located at 1400 East Eager Street, to Nathan C. Irby, Jr. Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #17-0165 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 #17-0165 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 #17-0165/ City Property- Renaming Madison Square Park to Nathan C. Irby, Jr. Park – 1400 East Eager Street

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONERS: Councilmember Robert Stokes

OWNERS: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: Madison Square Park is a 4 acre public park in East Baltimore. The park is the south of the Madison Square Recreational Center. The park is surrounded by two neighborhoods Johnston Square and Middle East.

General Area: This property is in the western portion of a predominantly residential area known as Gay Street. It is comprised of public housing and three story row homes.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

ANALYSIS

Nathan C. Irby Jr. started his career in public service as the chairman of a community planning committee that pushed for the construction of Dunbar High School. He was also active in the Madison Square Housing Corporation.

Mr. Irby was elected as a member of the Baltimore City Council from 1974-1982. During his time on the council he was a member of the Planning Commission from 1976-1982. He served on several committees during his tenure in the council. In 1983 he was elected to the Maryland State Senate, where he served until 1994. He also served as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Food and Nutrition; Governor's Housing Task Force; Task Force to Study Deaths

Resulting from Building Fires; Task Force on Investment of Pension Funds; Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS.

Notification: Planning staff notified the Oliver Community Association, Monument East, Oldtown Mall Merchants Association, Re-BUILD Johnston Square, Somerset Homes, New Broadway East Community Association and Latrobe Homes of this matter.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director