


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Laurie Feinberg, Acting Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0310 / CITY PROPERTY – NAMING THE OLIVER POOL TO THE JOHN D. MURDOCK POOL		

TO

DATE:

January 11, 2019

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

At its regular meeting of January 10, 2019, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #18-0310, for the purpose of naming the Oliver Pool located at 1301 East Lanvale Street the John D. Murdock Pool.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended amendment and approval of City Council Bill #18-0310 and adopted the following resolution; nine members being present (nine in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #18-0310 be amended and passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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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. Jeff Amoros, Mayor's Office
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PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Laurie Feinberg
Acting Director

January 10, 2019

REQUEST: City Council Bill #18-0310/ City Property – Renaming the Oliver Pool to the John D. Murdock Pool

For the purpose of changing the name of the Oliver Pool, located at 1641 North Spring Street, to the John D. Murdock Pool.

RECOMMENDATION: Amend and Approve

- On page 1 lines 4 and line 19 strike address 1641 North Spring Street and replace with 1301 East Lanvale Street.

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

PETITIONER: Councilman Robert Stokes Sr.

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The subject property is on the Northeast corner of Harford Avenue and East Lanvale Street. The Oliver Recreation Center sits on a lot adjacent to the pool.

General Area: The area is predominantly residential with some commercial and institutional buildings. The property is located within the Oliver Urban Renewal Plan area.

HISTORY

- The Oliver Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was established by Ord. #71-1067, dated May 17, 1971.
- Amendment No. 12, dated December 5, 2002, was approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by Ord. #02-458, dated December 19, 2002.
- Amendment No. 13, dated January 31, 2001, was approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by Ord. #11-449, dated May 26, 2011.

ANALYSIS

Background: John Murdock was born and raised in East Baltimore on the 1600 block of East Madison Street. He graduated from the University of Baltimore in 1978 with his bachelor's degree in recreational administration. Before working for the city, Mr. Murdock played for and coached the East Side Chargers football team. One of his goals before he passed was to become a criminal defense lawyer. Over the years, he took classes in law so he could help troubled youth.

Many people knew and referred to John Murdock as “Coach.” He had deep ties to the community as a youth basketball coach and mentor. Mr. Murdock’s greatest mentors were the teachers who pushed him to pursue his dream of helping youth. He coached basketball for over half a century at various recreation centers and leagues across Baltimore. He was a staple at the Oliver Recreation Center and Eastern Community Action Partnership Center was his second home. Along with basketball, Mr. Murdock coached youth baseball, soccer and track. While sports were everything to Mr. Murdock, he stressed the importance of education to all of the children he encountered. School came first and he worked with youth on their studies and connected them to academic resources.

Notification: The Oliver Community Association, Oliver Action Team, Meraki Community Uplift, Out4Justice, New Broadway East Community Association and Councilman Robert Stokes Sr. have been notified of this action.



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