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NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR
AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET
SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0411/ CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING FAIRMOUNT HARFORD BUILDING TO LAKE CLIFTON PARK BUILDING

CITY of
BALTIMORE
MEMO



TO

DATE:

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

August 22, 2019

At its regular meeting of August 22, 2019, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #19-0411, which is for the purpose of changing the name of Fairmount Harford Building (School #456), located at 2555 Harford Road, to Lake Clifton Park Building (School #456); and providing for a special effective date.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended amendment and approval of City Council Bill #19-0402 and adopted the following resolution, six members being present (six in favor)

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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- cc: Mr. Nick Blendy, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
- The Honorable Mary Pat Clarke, 14th District
- Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC
- Mr. Derek Baumgardner, BMZA
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
- Mr. Bob Pipik, DHCD
- Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
- Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
- Mr. Liam Davis, DOT
- Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services



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PLANNING COMMISSION

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STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer
Director

August 22, 2019

REQUEST: City Council Bill #19-0411/ City Property - Renaming Fairmount Harford Building to Lake Clifton Park Building:

For the purpose of changing the name of Fairmount Harford Building (School #456), located at 2555 Harford Road, to Lake Clifton Park Building (School #456); and providing for a special effective date.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Eric Tiso

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Clarke, President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Cohen

OWNER: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: 2555 Harford Road is located on the east side of the street, approximately 370' north of the intersection with East 25th Street. The southern boundary of the property is adjacent to the railroad tracks. The property contains 3.855± acres, and is currently improved with a three-story school building.

General Area: This site is located in the southwestern corner of Clifton park, at the intersection between the neighborhoods of Darley Park, East Baltimore Midway, and Coldstream Homestead Montebello (CHM).

HISTORY

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

ANALYSIS

This bill will rename the public building on this property. The purpose behind this change is to establish a more inclusive name, as at least four different schools have used this building, including Clifton Park Middle School, Fairmount-Harford High School, Baltimore Antioch Diploma Plus, and Achievement Academy Alternative High. We also understand that the Reach! Partnership school will begin operations here this fall.

The Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) has submitted a letter of support for this bill, and also indicate that the proposed name meets the requirements for naming conventions for school buildings. Given the broad support the BCPSS has seen, Planning staff recommends approval of this bill.

Notification: Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation and Civic Works have been notified of this action.

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Chris Ryer
Director