



FROM	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR 	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0585 / SALE OF PROPERTY – LAKE CLIFTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL #40		

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

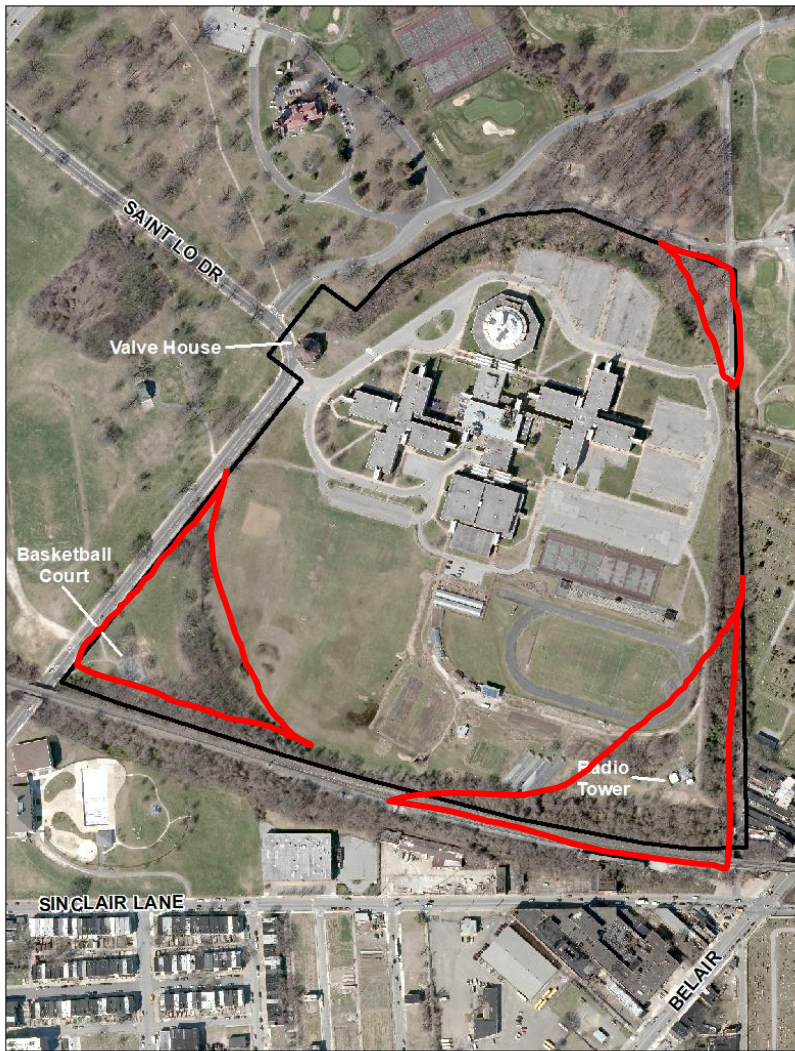
DATE: September 14, 2020

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #20-0585, which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as the former Lake Clifton Senior High School #40, located at 2801 Saint Lo Drive (Block 4199, Lot 009) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #20-0585. This property was the former Lake Clifton / Eastern high school until they closed and has been most recently been used for a variety of small high school programs. Under the 21st Century School program, the neighboring former Fairmont Harford School has recently been fully renovated to house a new high school. As a result, the former Lake Clifton site has been surplussed back to the City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development issued an Expression of Interest at the beginning of the year with responses due March 30, 2020. Morgan State University submitted an Expression of Interest to use the property for an expansion of their campus. After careful review of all submissions, the City has determined that sale of the property to Morgan will provide the most benefit to the City and serve as an anchor for the adjacent neighborhood. Morgan has already started building relationships with community leaders and has committed to developing a master plan in partnership with the community and City agencies.

In reviewing the park property and the proposed sale of the former school property that is roughly oval shape and sits within the park, there were discussions of ‘squaring off the portion of property to be sold best shown in illustration below in the black outline. This would add to the sale the portion in the red triangles which are a portion of Block 4199 Lot 001. We support authorizing the sale of those as well.



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

CR/ewt

cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office
Mr. Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office
Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC
Ms. Livhu Ndou, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
Mr. Liam Davis, DOT
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services
Mr. Dominic McAlily, Council Services