



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0108

City Property - Renaming James Mosher Elementary School to
Billie Holiday Elementary School

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: October 26, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:24 PM

Time (Ending): 2:39 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 25

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Antonio Glover Ryan Dorsey Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a

Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a

Agency reports read?..... yes no n/a

Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a

Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a

Evidence of notification to property owners?..... yes no n/a

Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by:.....Councilmember Ryan Dorsey

Seconded by:.....Councilmember Mark Conway

Final Vote:.....Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Elena DiPietro, Department of Law
- Ivor Quashie, Planning Commission

- Angela Alvarez, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Denisha Logan, Principal, Baltimore City Public Schools
- KC Kelleher, Department of Real Estate
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Mara James, Department of Finance
- Raven Thompson, Baltimore Development Corporation

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives. She read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Bullock explained the purpose of the bill.
3. Angela Alvarez testified that a standard process was followed to seek input on naming the school program. The Baltimore City Board of Public Schools Commissioners approved the name (Billie Holiday) for the school program which was nominated as a result of the naming process. She emphasized that there is a distinct difference between naming a building and naming a school program. Sometimes a school will have a different name than the building. The name Billie Holiday is currently connected to the school program. Approval of Bill 21-0108 will rename the building to Billie Holiday.
4. Denisha Logan testified in support of the bill emphasizing that the school program focuses on arts inspirations using dance, music and other creative art forms. Billie Holidays' used her art form to entertain and as an activist.
5. Agency representatives testified on behalf of their respective agencies.
6. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably.
7. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair Yea
 John Bullock: Yea
 Mark Conway: Yea
 Ryan Dorsey: Yea
 Antonio Glover: Yea
 Robert Stokes: Yea
 Odette Ramos: Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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