

<b>FROM</b>	<b>NAME &amp; TITLE</b>	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b>  <b>MEMO</b>	
	<b>AGENCY NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> FLOOR		
	<b>SUBJECT</b>	CITY COUNCIL BILL #16-0711/ CITY PROPERTY – NAMING THE SKATEPARK IN ROOSEVELT PARK TO BE THE SKATEPARK OF BALTIMORE AT ROOSEVELT PARK		

DATE: August 5, 2016

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

At its regular meeting of August 4, 2016, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #16-0711, for the purpose of approving naming the skate park in Roosevelt Park to be the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #16-0711 and adopted the following resolution; six members being present (six in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #16-0711 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Chief of Staff  
 Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development  
 Mr. Leon Pinkett, Assistant Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development  
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office  
 The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, 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. Melissa Krafchik, PABC  
 Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
 The Honorable Nick Mosby, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
 Ms. Stephanie Murdock, Skate Park of Baltimore



*Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

*Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman*

### STAFF REPORT



*Thomas J. Stosur*  
Director

**August 4, 2016**

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #16-0711/ Naming the Skatepark in Roosevelt Park to be the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park

**RECOMMENDATION:** Amend and approve with the following amendment:

- Page 1 line 4; replace address 1121 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street with 1201 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

**STAFF:** Ivor Quashie

**PETITIONER(s):** Councilman Nick Mosby at the request of Stephanie Murdock

**OWNER:** Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

#### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

**Site Conditions:** The skate park is located in the northern portion of Roosevelt Park just south of the Roosevelt Recreation center.

**General Area:** The skate park is located in the Hampden neighborhood in the northern district of Baltimore City and is bounded by Falls Road to the east and West 36<sup>th</sup> Street to the north and Poole Street to the west.

#### **HISTORY**

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

#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

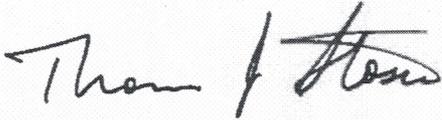
This action is consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, with respect to improving recreation experiences for residents and visitors.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc. (SOB) is a ten-year-old grassroots, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was created to facilitate the construction of a world-class, destination skatepark to address the lack of safe, public facilities for youth skateboarders. In 2008, SOB partnered with Baltimore City, assembled a task force, conducted extensive community outreach, and identified a prospective site at Roosevelt Park in Hampden. Originally constructed for \$60,000

in 2005, the 11,000 sq. ft., fenced-in asphalt area sat dormant of skate-worthy features until the SOB partnered with the city to provide temporary ramps. Using a \$30,000 Abell Foundation grant, SOB conducted predevelopment work and engineering studies in 2009, completing skatepark designs the following year. In 2011, the SOB entered a \$75,000 matching campaign with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks and successfully concluded the campaign to begin construction in 2013. The grand opening of the skatepark was held on May 3, 2014.

Staff notified the president of Skate Park of Baltimore, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Hampden Community Council, Hampden Community Services Inc., and Council man Nick Mosby of this action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "S".

**Thomas J. Stosur**  
**Director**