


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0025 / CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING RIDGE TRAIL IN GWYNN'S FALLS/LEAKIN PARK TO HEIDE GRUNDMANN TRAIL		

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

DATE: March 24, 2017

The Department of Planning has been asked to review City Council Bill #17-0025, for the purpose of renaming the Ridge Trail located in Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park to the Heide Grundman Trail.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #17-0025 and adopted the following resolution, seven members being present (seven in favor,):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its Departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #17-0025 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: 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
- The Honorable Edward Reisinger, 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. Natawna Austin, Council Services
- Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC
- Mr. William Vondrasek, BCRP



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Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

### STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur  
Director

March 23, 2017

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #17-0025/ City Property -Renaming the Ridge Trail in the Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park to the Heide Grundmann Trail

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Ivor Quashie

**PETITIONER:** Councilman Kristefer Burnett and President Bernard "Jack" Young

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

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

**Site Conditions:** This is a 1200 acre park located in the Southwestern district of the city. The park features several amenities including a miniature steam-powered railroad, the Orianda Mansion, the Carrie Murray Nature Center and over 14 miles of hiking and biking trails.

**General Area:** The Park touches several residential neighborhoods; Windsor Hills and Wakefield to the north, Fairmount and Rosemount to the east, Franklinton and Hunting Ridge to the west and Edmondson Village and Edgewood to the south. There are many residential neighborhoods that abut the Park with a mixture of single family and multi-family buildings.

#### **HISTORY**

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

#### **ANALYSIS**

Heide Grundmann has provided over 30 years of dedicated commitment and service to Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park. In her early years as a neighboring resident, Ms. Grundmann became involved with a group, which opposed the use of the park as a route for the interstate 70. She was one of the founding members that helped transform that advocacy group to become the Friends of Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park Inc. She continues to pursue her love of nature by walking in the park each month with a naturalist.

Community Notification: The Friends of Leakin Park, Hunting Ridge Community Assembly, Windsor Hills Neighbors, Inc., Dickeyville Community Association, Inc., Celeste Thurston, David Hollander, Jo Orser, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young, and Councilman Kristefer Burnett.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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