

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2024 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-068-2024
Proposed by The Chair (by request-Planning Board)
Introduced by Council Member Olson
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction July 16, 2024

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Blair-Smith House and the Flynn-Steck House

3 For the purpose of approving the designations of the Blair-Smith House (Documented Property
4 68-010-94) and the Flynn-Steck House (Documented Property 68-074-04) as Historic Sites in
5 Prince George’s County, Maryland.

6 Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s County Code provides a process for the owner(s)
7 of an historic property to petition the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission
8 for Historic Site designation; and

9 WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s
10 County Code, Daniel Schaible and Jennifer Linn and Kayleigh Kulp (for 4049 34th Street LLC)
11 filed petitions with the Historic Preservation Commission for designation of the two properties
12 described below, for which they are the owners; and

13 WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice was given as required by law, the Prince
14 George’s County Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing on March 19, 2024, on
15 the two subject petitions; and

16 WHEREAS, the Blair-Smith House, located at 5416 39th Avenue, Hyattsville, was built
17 circa 1931 and is significant as an intact example of Tudor Revival domestic architecture in the
18 Hyattsville National Register Historic District; and

19 WHEREAS, the Blair-Smith House embodies the heritage theme of streetcar suburb
20 development in Prince George’s County in the early twentieth century and was the home of
21 Louise F. Blair, a single woman who worked as a government clerk during World War II, and

1 also of Claude Smith, a noted U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian, and his wife,
2 Geraldine Smith; and

3 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Blair-Smith
4 House (Documented Property 68-010-94), and its 0.433-acre Environmental Setting, (Lots 11–12
5 of Block 5, “Hyattsville Hills”), be designated as a historic site on the basis of certain historic
6 site designation criteria stated in County Code Section 29-104(a), namely, criteria (1)(A)(iv),
7 (2)(A)(i), and (2)(A)(v); and

8 WHEREAS, the Flynn-Steck House, located at 4049 34th Street, Mount Rainier, is
9 significant as a substantially intact example of early twentieth-century Queen Anne domestic
10 architecture in the Mount Rainier National Register Historic District; and

11 WHEREAS, the Flynn-Steck House embodies the heritage theme of streetcar suburb
12 development in Prince George’s County in the early twentieth century and was the home of the
13 Flynn family, including noted author T.T. Flynn, Jr., and also of Charles Steck, a prolific
14 photographer and musician, and his wife, Dorothy Steck; and

15 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Flynn-Steck
16 House (Documented Property 68-074-04), and its 0.149-acre Environmental Setting, (Lot 11 in
17 Block 1, “Mount Rainier”), be designated as a historic site on the basis of certain historic site
18 designation criteria stated in County Code Section 29-104(a), namely, criteria (1)(A)(iv),
19 (2)(A)(i), and (2)(A)(v); and

20 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council, held a
21 joint public hearing on the significance of these properties with the Prince George’s County
22 Planning Board on June 4, 2024; and

23 WHEREAS, the record of the hearing was left open until 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2024, and
24 no additional testimony was received; and

25 WHEREAS, on July 11, 2024, the Prince George’s County Planning Board voted
26 unanimously to recommend that the Blair-Smith House and the Flynn-Steck House be designated
27 as Prince George’s County Historic Sites,

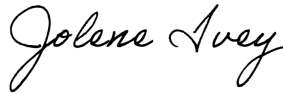
28 WHEREAS, on July 15, 2024, in accordance with provisions of local law, the District
29 Council convened as the Committee of the Whole to review the transcript analysis and Planning
30 Board recommendation as to the proposed designations and favorably voted to direct the staff to
31 prepare a Resolution of Approval as to the proposed Historic Site Designations.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
2 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
3 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Blair-Smith House (Documented
4 Property 68-010-94) and its 0.433-acre Environmental Setting (Lots 11–12 of Block 5,
5 “Hyattsville Hills”) and the Flynn-Steck House (Documented Property 68-074-04) and its 0.149-
6 acre Environmental Setting, (Lot 11 in Block 1, “Mount Rainier”) are hereby designated as
7 Prince George’s County Historic Sites.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council be directed to mail copies of
9 this Resolution to the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission, the Prince
10 George’s County Planning Board, and to the property owners, Daniel Schaible and Jennifer Linn
11 (Blair-Smith House) and 4049 34th Street LLC (Flynn-Steck House).
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Adopted this 16th day of July, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE’S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: 

Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:



Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council