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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Prince George's County Planning Board

**VIA:** Andree Green Checkley, Esq., Planning Director  
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**FROM:** Howard Berger, Supervisor  
Thomas Gross, Planner III  
Historic Preservation Section, Countywide Planning Division

**RE:** **Recommendations on Proposed Historic Site Designation for Edward and Maggie Smith House (Documented Property 68-074-03)**

As follow-up to the Planning Board's participation in a joint public hearing with the District Council on January 18, 2022, the Planning Board must: (1) make formal recommendations to the District Council on the proposed historic site designation pursuant to the requirements of 29-120.01; and (2) convey that recommendation to the District Council. For your information, the provisions of Subtitle 29-120.01 are attached.

At its public hearing on September 21, 2021, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the documentation prepared for the above-cited property and the staff recommendation on the proposed designation. Based on the documentation, the staff recommendation, and the support of the property owner-applicant, the HPC found that the proposed historic site could be found to meet historic site designation criteria in Subtitle 29 (the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Ordinance). This recommendation was the basis of the joint public hearing held by the District Council and the Planning Board on January 18, 2022. At that hearing, staff made a presentation on the history and significance of the property and the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation. The property owner-applicant provided testimony at the hearing in support of the proposed historic site designation, with a request that the name of former owner Jo Israelson, a noted Maryland artist, be included in the property's name. Before the close of the record on January 25, 2022, written testimony was received from Ms. Israelson in support of the proposed historic site designation and the inclusion of her name in the property name.

Should the Planning Board concur with both the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission that the property be designated as a historic site and the property owner-applicant's request to amend the property name to acknowledge former owner Jo Israelson, the attached transmittal letter recommending historic site designation of the "Smith-Israelson House" would be forwarded to the District Council. Should the Planning Board choose to make different recommendations to the District Council, a revised transmittal letter will be prepared by staff.

The District Council has not scheduled a vote on the Planning Board's recommendation but is required to take final action within two months of receipt of the Planning Board's recommendation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachments:

- (1) Transmittal Letter (Draft): Hewlett to Hawkins
- (2) Subtitle 29-120.01
- (3) Transcript of January 18, 2022 Joint Public Hearing
- (4) Exhibits (2) included in the record of the January 18, 2022 Joint Public Hearing



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February 24, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins II, Chairman  
Prince George's County Council  
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RE: Joint Public Hearing, January 18, 2022  
Historic Site Designation for Smith-Israelson  
House (Documented Property 68-074-03)

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

As follow up to the Planning Board/District Council Joint Public Hearing held on January 18, 2022, the Planning Board would like to convey its recommendation to the District Council on the historic site designation referenced above. The Planning Board has reviewed the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation on this property, and the material submitted into the hearing record, and finds that this property meets the identified criteria in Subtitle 29-104 (the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Ordinance), as outlined in the record.

Therefore, on February 24, 2022, by a **vote of 4-0-1**, the Planning Board recommended that the District Council designate this property as a Prince George's County Historic Site, with the name "Smith-Israelson House."

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and a correct copy of the action taken by the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on the motion of Commissioner **Bailey**, seconded by Commissioner **Washington**, with Commissioners **Bailey**, **Washington**, **Doerner**, and **Geraldo** in favor of the motion at its regular meeting held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Adopted by the Prince George's County Planning Board this 24th day of February, 2022.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Howard Berger, Supervisor, Historic Preservation Section, at 301-952-3680 or at [howard.berger@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:howard.berger@ppd.mncppc.org).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Hewlett  
Chairman

c: Andree Green Checkley, Esq., Planning Director, Prince George's County Planning Department  
John Peter Thompson, Chairman, County Historic Preservation Commission  
Katina Shoulars, Acting Chief, Countywide Planning Division  
Howard Berger, Supervisor, Historic Preservation Section, Countywide Planning Division

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### **Sec. 29-120.01. Petition for Designation of Historic Properties.**

- (a) The owner (s) of a historic property may file a petition for designation as a historic site with the Historic Preservation Commission. As part of this designation process, the Historic Preservation Commission may also find that the property is eligible for listing in the Historic Sites and Districts Plan or in the National Register of Historic Places. For the purposes of processing Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program applications only, this determination shall allow grant applications to be considered by the Planning Board pursuant to Section 29-139(d).
- (b) At least sixty (60) days in advance of the public hearing by the Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission shall refer the application to those departments, agencies, organizations, citizens, and parties which the Commission reasonably believes may have any interest in the proceedings. Any such comments should be received no less than 30 days prior to the Historic Preservation Commission's scheduled public hearing.
- (c) Within one hundred twenty (120) days of receipt of the petition, the Commission shall research and review the historic property and conduct a public hearing to make findings as to the significance of the historic property and shall determine whether it should be classified as a historic site.
- (d) At least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing, the Commission shall send written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing to the owner (s) of the historic property, adjoining property owners and to those departments, agencies, organizations, citizens, and parties which the Commission reasonably believes may have an interest in the proceedings. The property shall be posted pursuant to the requirements of Section 29-118(c).
- (e) Within thirty (30) days after the record is closed, the Commission shall make a recommendation on the petition and transmit the recommendation to the Planning Board.
- (f) Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the recommendation, the Planning Board shall hold a joint public hearing with the District Council on the Commission's recommendation.
- (g) Written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing.
- (h) Within thirty (30) days after the record is closed, the Planning Board shall submit its recommendation to the District Council.
- (i) Within two (2) months following receipt of the Planning Board's recommendation, the District Council shall make a final decision on the petition.

(CB-53-2008)

Editor's note(s)—CR-53-2009 designated the Kleiner-Davidson White House, 8529 58th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740 as a Prince George's County Historic Site (67-022-24).

CR-89-2012 designated the Wilson-Gleis House, 4711 Oliver Street, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737 (68-004-97); the Burgess House, 5201 42nd Place, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781 (68-010-83) and the Underwood-Bealle House 15914 Bealle Hill Road, Accokeek, Maryland 20607 (84-032) as Prince George's County Historic Sites.

CR-43-2015 provides that the Crumly-Murray House (76A-044-03), 3518 29th Avenue, Temple Hills, MD 20748; the Burgdorf House (76B-065), 5750 Fisher Road, Temple Hills, MD 20748; the Compton Bassett Tobacco Barn at Boxwood Hall (79-063-13), 16301 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, and the Hawkins Tobacco Barn (85A-086) and its Environmental Setting of 1.96-acres (Tax Map 144, Grid D2); are designated as Prince George's County historic sites, and the Parcel 314, Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744, is included in an expanded Broad Creek Historic District (80-024-00).

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CR-41-2016 provides that the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Exchange/Old Stone Building (79-117), 14500 Church Street, Upper Marlboro, and the Wagner House (83-032), 1910 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, are hereby designated as Prince George's County historic sites.

CR-4-2017 provides that Elmo Clark House (68-074-02), 3721 36th Street, Mount Rainier; the Dashiell House (68-010-91), 4914 40th Place, Hyattsville, the Vernon Wright House (68-010-92), 6010 43rd Street, Hyattsville, the Helen Dwight Reid House, (80-057), 13507 Reid Circle, Fort Washington, and the Odell House (83-048), 14601 Bond's Retreat Road, Accokeek, be and the same are hereby approved as Designated Historic Sites within Prince George's County historic sites.

CR-67-2017 provides that the Duvall Tenant House Site (Archeological Site 18PR1020), Part of Parcel A, Heathermore Subdivision, Upper Marlboro, and the Scholz Mark '64/Lang House (80-058), 13506 Reid Circle, Fort Washington, are designated as Prince George's County historic sites.

CR-122-2020 provides that the Teed House (Documented Property 66-037-50) and its 0.221-acre Environmental Setting (East 20 feet of Lot 90 and west 50 feet of Lot 91 in Block F, College Park Section A) is designated as a Prince George's County historic site.

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A hearing in the above-entitled matter was held on  
January 18, 2022, before the Prince George's County Council  
before:

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Chair, At-Large

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Thank you, everyone, for taking  
3 a moment to introduce yourselves. The County Council and  
4 the Planning Board are jointly holding this hearing to  
5 obtain comments on the proposed Historic Site designation  
6 for the Edward and Maggie Smith House. It is located at  
7 3215 Perry Street in Mount Rainier.

8 This hearing is being held pursuant to the  
9 requirements of Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George's  
10 County Historic Preservation Ordinance, petition for  
11 designation of historic properties. This afternoon, this  
12 afternoon's joint public hearing represents only the tenth  
13 time that a property has been reviewed for designation as a  
14 historic site in this section of the ordinance, Section 29-  
15 120.01, which allows properties not currently listed in the  
16 County's inventory of historic resources to become a  
17 historic site through these proceedings.

18 We have a few, I believe, three elected officials  
19 who are signed up and we will go to them momentarily. In  
20 order to allow everyone a chance to speak, we require, I  
21 believe we don't have any elected officials; we may have  
22 just two speakers on this one, ladies and gentlemen. In  
23 order to allow every person a chance to speak, our speakers  
24 will be given three minutes. A timer will be set once you  
25 begin to speak and you will be notified verbally at one



1 minute before the allotted time has elapsed; and then we  
2 will, then you will have an opportunity to stop once no time  
3 remains. Your cooperation in immediately concluding your  
4 comments is very appreciative and you are encouraged to  
5 submit your comments in writing. Your cooperation is  
6 greatly appreciated because we have a second hearing tonight  
7 that we must get to as well.

8           At the conclusion of this hearing, the record will  
9 be held open for seven days based on the facts that have  
10 been proposed, based on the facts that this proposed action  
11 affects only one property. If you wish to submit written  
12 remarks to supplement testimony you give this afternoon, or  
13 prefer submitting written comments in place of oral  
14 testimony, comments may be submitted to the Council's  
15 ecomment portal, <https://princegeorgescouncil.us/speak>, or  
16 you can send comments to the Clerk of the Council at the  
17 email address, [clerkofthecouncil](mailto:clerkofthecouncil), all one word,  
18 [@co.pg.md.us](mailto:clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us). Please provide the Clerk of the Council with  
19 that testimony by the close of business on Tuesday, January  
20 25, 2022.

21           Following the close of the record, the Planning  
22 Board will review the testimony received. The Planning  
23 Board will also forward the recommendation on the proposed  
24 historic site designation to the District Council. The  
25 Council, in turn, will consider the Planning Board's

1 recommendation, along with the oral testimony heard this  
2 afternoon, and written testimony submitted for the record.  
3 Final action on the proposed historic site designation will  
4 be taken by the District Council within two months of  
5 receipt of the Planning Board's recommendation. Thank you  
6 for participating in the hearing to the time limit, at this  
7 time limit.

8           At this time, I would like to call on Howard  
9 Berger, supervisor of the Historic Preservation Section, to  
10 introduce the Planning Department Staff, make any summary  
11 present, who will be making a summary presentation of the  
12 history and significance of the property, and the Historic  
13 Preservation Commission's recommendations. We will then go  
14 to the sign-up sheet and begin with elected officials who  
15 wish to speak. Thank you very much. Mr. Berger, the floor  
16 is yours.

17           MR. BERGER: Thank you, Chairman Hawkins and  
18 greetings, members of the Council and Chairman Hewlett, and  
19 members of the Planning Board.

20           My name is Howard Berger and I'm a supervisor of  
21 the Planning Department's Historic Preservation Section.  
22 The purpose of today's joint public hearing is for the  
23 Council and the Planning Board to hear Historic Preservation  
24 Commission recommendations and to receive testimony on the  
25 one property for, on one property for potential historic

1 site designation according to the provisions of Subtitle 29-  
2 12.01, the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

3           The property that is the subject of today's  
4 hearing is identified as the Edward and Maggie Smith House  
5 located at 3215 Perry Street in Mount Rainier, also  
6 identified as documented property 68-074-03. At this time,  
7 I'd like to turn the presentation over to Tom Gross, Planner  
8 3 in the Historic Preservation Section, who will provide you  
9 with a presentation on the history and significance of the  
10 Edward and Maggie Smith House, and on the Historic  
11 Preservation Commission's recommendations. Thank you.

12           MR. GROSS: Thank you very much. Thank you very  
13 much, Madam Clerk. Good afternoon, Chair Hawkins and  
14 members of the Council, Chair Hewlett and members of the  
15 Planning Board. For the record, my name is Thomas Gross,  
16 Planner 3, with the Planning Department's Historic  
17 Preservation Section. The item before you this afternoon,  
18 as stated by the Chair, Mr. Berger, is the proposed historic  
19 site designation of the Edward and Maggie Smith House,  
20 documented property 68-074-03, located at 3215 Perry Street  
21 in Mount Rainier.

22           Next slide please. And one more, please. Thank  
23 you so much. The Edward and Maggie Smith House is a 2-story  
24 dwelling constructed circa 1917 in the American four-square  
25 style featuring a wraparound porch, a semi-hexagonal bay and

1 two hip roofed dormers on the front and side elevations.  
2 The exterior of the house is clad in asbestos single siding  
3 beneath which the original wood lap siding appears to still  
4 exist. The front porch is distinguished by its nine Tuscan  
5 columns. Also of note are the remains of an old brick  
6 cistern, or underground well to the rear of the house. This  
7 feature dates to the period before Mount Rainier had  
8 completed its town water system. And there are just a few  
9 photos of the exterior, if I could ask for the next slide?

10 This is the east side elevation. Next slide  
11 please. A couple other views of the side elevations. You  
12 can see that semi-hexagonal bay.

13 Next slide, please. This is the rear of the  
14 property, the rear of the house I should say, and one more,  
15 please. These are just a few other features on the  
16 property. You can see there is a shed at the rear of the  
17 property and there's an image of that well that I mentioned  
18 a moment ago.

19 Next slide, please. The Edward and Maggie Smith  
20 House is located in Rogers Second Edition to Mount Rainier,  
21 which was platted in 1907. This slide here shows the  
22 subdivision plat from this time.

23 In May 1908, James and Blanche Rogers sold lots 33  
24 and lot 34 of block 5 on what was then called Newton Street  
25 to William Mooney of Washington, D.C. State tax records

1 suggest that Mooney and his wife, Annie, had the house on  
2 lot 34 constructed in 1917.

3           Next slide, please. In June 1920, the Mooneys  
4 sold the property to Edward and Maggie Smith, and you can  
5 see a view of the house looking from the south towards the  
6 north. The property is highlighted in red. So, this is  
7 right around the time that the Mooneys sold the property to  
8 their next owners, Edward and Maggie Smith. The Smiths had  
9 previously lived in Boonesboro, Maryland, but moved to the  
10 Washington area in the mid-1910s.

11           Next slide, please. Mr. Smith was an employee of  
12 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and lived in the  
13 subject house with Maggie and their son, Roscoe. You can  
14 see an image here of the 1930 census, at which point they  
15 lived in the house. The Smiths moved to Washington, D.C.,  
16 in the 1930s at some point and after that rented out the  
17 house. It was sold in 1941 to Grace Bowserman (phonetic  
18 sp.) and for the next three decades it appears that the  
19 house was operated as a boarding house.

20           Next slide, please. Jo Israelson purchased 3215  
21 Perry Street in 1976, and while working for the General  
22 Accounting Office, pursued a career as an artist. Israelson  
23 commuted to work from Mount Rainier during the week and  
24 spent weekends renovating a former firehouse in Union  
25 Bridge, Maryland, where she, which she used as a studio.

1 Israelson's notable works include the Sleeping Goddess, a  
2 1,400-pound marble sculpture installed behind the Union  
3 Bridge Community Center, and libre installed at the  
4 Westminster Branch at the Carroll County Public Library.  
5 Israelson sold the subject property in 1999 and it changed  
6 hands several times in the early 21st Century. The house  
7 was purchased in 2006 by Danielle Schopp and her husband,  
8 former Mount Rainier City Councilperson Brent Bolin, who  
9 lived there until it was sold to the current owner, Suchan  
10 Kantari (phonetic sp.) in 2020. Mr. Kantari occupies the  
11 property with his wife, Alyse Foster.

12           The Edward and Maggie Smith House is significant  
13 as a substantially intact example of early 20th Century  
14 residential architecture in the city of Mount Rainier. It  
15 reflects the rapid expansion that Mount Rainier experienced  
16 as a streetcar suburb during the first decades of the 20th  
17 Century when middle class Washington, D.C. workers began to  
18 move to the surrounding areas. The property's significance  
19 is reflected in its status as a contributing resource in the  
20 Mount Rainier National Register of Historic District.

21           The Edward and Maggie Smith House has retained its  
22 character as an early 20th Century American four-square  
23 house. There has been some change to its materiality, but  
24 many of those changes appear to be reversable. The front  
25 door of the house is original, along with nearly all the

1 windows. It is highly likely that the original wood siding  
2 exists behind the current siding, although the current  
3 siding was most likely installed early in the house's  
4 history and is also considered a historic building material.

5           Although there are a number of American four-  
6 square houses in the inventory of historic resources  
7 throughout the County and, in particular, in nearby  
8 communities in the Route 1 corridor, the Edward and Maggie  
9 Smith House could be found to meet a relatively strict  
10 standard of integrity. Further, the presence of an early  
11 20th Century well or cistern, which I showed a moment ago,  
12 is an unusual feature representative of these communities  
13 before the provision of public utilities.

14           Next slide, please. The Historic Preservation  
15 Commission considered this matter at its September 21, 2021  
16 public hearing. The property owner, Suchan Kantari, was  
17 present at the hearing with his wife, Ms. Foster, and spoke  
18 in support of Staff's recommendation that the subject  
19 property be designated as a historic site. Staff concluded,  
20 and the Historic Preservation Commission concurred, that the  
21 Edward and Maggie Smith House meets three of the nine  
22 designation criteria of Subtitle 29-104(a).

23           Criterion 1(a)(4), the property exemplifies the  
24 (indiscernible) economic, industrial, social, political or  
25 historical heritage in the County in its urban and rural

1 communities; 2(a)(1), the property embodies the distinctive  
2 characteristics of a type, period, or method of  
3 construction; and 2(a)(5), the property represents an  
4 established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood  
5 in the County due to its physical characteristics or  
6 landscape.

7           Next slide, please. Staff further concluded that  
8 in weighing the alterations that have been made to the  
9 structure since the original construction, the Edward and  
10 Maggie Smith House can be found to possess sufficient  
11 integrity to convey, represent or contain the values and  
12 qualities for which it is significant.

13           Next slide. Thank you. The Historic Preservation  
14 Commission, therefore, recommends to the Planning Board and  
15 the District Council that the Edward and Maggie Smith House,  
16 documented property 68-074-03, and the 0.129 acre  
17 environmental setting being lot 34 and block 5 of Rogers  
18 Second Edition to Mount Rainier be designated a Prince  
19 George's County Historic Site as meeting the following  
20 criteria in Subtitle 29-104(a), 1(a)(4), 2(a)(1) and  
21 2(a)(5).

22           Mr. Chair, Madam Chair, this concludes Staff's  
23 presentation.

24           CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Thank you very much for that  
25 very informative presentation. Is Ms. Elyse Foster with us?



1 MS. FOSTER: Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me?

2 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Ms. Foster, did I say your name  
3 properly?

4 MS. FOSTER: Yes, Elyse Foster.

5 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Yes, we can hear you. Thank  
6 you, Madam Chair.

7 MS. FOSTER: Okay. Can you see me as well?

8 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Yes.

9 MS. FOSTER: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Yes.

11 MS. FOSTER: All right. Great. All right. Thank  
12 you all so much. My, Suchan Kantari is the legal owner of  
13 the property. We live together. We've been together for 10  
14 years. He is out of the country at the moment and was not  
15 able to be in this meeting. So, we have prepared a  
16 statement together and I'm sharing it on his behalf as the  
17 owner. So, I will just go ahead and get started to keep it  
18 short.

19 So, thank you, first of all, thank you so much to  
20 the members of the Planning Board and the District Council  
21 for considering this recommendation to designate our home as  
22 historic, and to MNCCP staff for all of your work in  
23 preparing the recommendation. Thank you so much to Tom and  
24 all of the people we've been working with here.

25 We, my partner and I, would like to propose that

1 the name of the house be amended to include another  
2 significant owner's name, Jo Israelson, who you heard Tom  
3 speak about in that recommendation. We feel quite connected  
4 to Ms. Israelson's background as a solo woman activist and  
5 an artist, and we strongly believe that she reflects the  
6 history and the culture of the now really progressive city  
7 and artist haven that is Mount Rainier.

8           Additionally, she owned and lived in the house for  
9 longer than the Smiths lived in the house. So, it appears  
10 that the Smiths lived in the house for 17 years, although  
11 they owned it for 21; and I believe that Jo Israelson  
12 actually lived in the house for 18 years and owned it for  
13 23, if I heard correctly, she lived there until '99, or sold  
14 it in '99.

15           Moreover, we have also reached out to Ms.  
16 Israelson directly. She is still alive, she is still an  
17 artist and she still has that property at Union Bridge,  
18 Maryland; and she has communicated to us that not only is  
19 she very supportive, but she would be honored to have the  
20 historic structure named after her. She's also indicated  
21 that she wanted to designate the house when she lived here,  
22 but was unable to make it happen, so she is so pleased that  
23 we are doing this. And she has said that if a statement is  
24 needed from her directly, that she would be happy to provide  
25 one. So, that concludes what I have to say in regards to

1 the name, and I understand that it's unorthodox to request  
2 the name to be changed from the longest owner, or the first  
3 long owner, so we would be amenable to a hyphenated name if  
4 that is something that would be acceptable as well. Thank  
5 you.

6 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Thank you. Next speaker is --  
7 hold on one second, please. Ms. Fountain, are you here,  
8 Lily Fountain?

9 MS. FOUNTAIN: Good evening. I'm Lily Fountain.  
10 I'm representing the Sierra Club of Prince George's County.  
11 I've lived in College Park for 44 years and I'm speaking for  
12 the Prince George's Sierra Club, and we recommend a pause on  
13 the Adelphia area Sector Plan.

14 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, my apologies, Ms. Fountain.  
15 I, I think you're signed up for the next hearing, not this  
16 one.

17 MS. FOUNTAIN: Oh, I apologize.

18 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: I apologize, Ms. Fountain.  
19 They had you signed up for this hearing. Are there any  
20 additional speakers on the historic designation for the  
21 Edward and Maggie Smith House? Ms. Kaiser, are you here for  
22 that or not?

23 MS. KAISER: I am not here for that.

24 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Okay. Thank you. I believe  
25 there are no other speakers present for this -- Madam Clerk,

1 could you double-check the, make sure I got everyone that's  
2 supposed to speak?

3 THE CLERK: Yes, sir, there were just two persons  
4 signed up to speak and it appears that Ms. Fountain does not  
5 wish to speak on this item. Ms. Kaiser, if you could please  
6 turn off your microphone and camera?

7 MS. KAISER: Yes. I apologize.

8 THE CLERK: Thank you so much.

9 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: And I just want to thank -- Ms.  
10 Taveras?

11 MS. TAVERAS: I'm just, quickly, Mr. Berger, did  
12 we present this before the Mount Rainier City Council?

13 MR. BERGER: They received notice of this, but  
14 there was no formal presentation. Subtitle 29 does not  
15 require one.

16 MS. TAVERAS: Okay. Uh-huh. No, just, just  
17 wondering if they were --

18 MR. BERGER: Uh-huh.

19 MS. TAVERAS: -- they were notified to let them --

20 MR. BERGER: Yes.

21 MS. TAVERAS: Okay.

22 MR. BERGER: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Council Member Turner?

24 MR. TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't  
25 know if you need the, to close the hearing so there's no

1 more speakers. I just had a quick question for Staff when  
2 they come back to us, I guess, when we review the,  
3 technically to digest the testimony and take some action on  
4 this. I don't know if you want me to go ahead or if you  
5 want to close the hearing?

6 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Did you have any additional  
7 comments, did you need any additional comments -- did you  
8 need Staff to respond to what you just said?

9 MR. TURNER: Yeah, but the question is more, more  
10 related to a process question, just generally with respect  
11 to these designations.

12 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Uh-huh.

13 MR. TURNER: One is, one, if we as part of our  
14 adoption of the new zoning ordinance, and forgive me, I  
15 haven't gone back and looked at the historic designation  
16 portion, and it's not for this evening, just to specify  
17 whether or not we just continued or was an existing zoning  
18 ordinance into the new zoning ordinance, that there were any  
19 changes? And then, second, and I'll use this as an example,  
20 of the nine criteria that are, are in the code, this  
21 property only met three; and whether or not there's a  
22 certain requirement that you need to meet in order to be  
23 designated as a historic structure or building because  
24 you're only meeting a third of the ones that are there,  
25 although it's not necessarily and/or; I'm just curious

1 whether or not there's a rule of thumb with respect to the  
2 request, even though I know in this case the property owner  
3 made the request. So, just curious.

4 MR. BERGER: I can, I can answer those questions  
5 whenever it's deemed appropriate.

6 MR. TURNER: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Berger.

7 MR. BERGER: Uh-huh.

8 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Thank you, everyone. Mr.  
9 Turner, at this time are you still committed to making a  
10 motion to adjourn this public hearing?

11 MR. TURNER: You just have to conclude it, Mr.  
12 Chair, that's all.

13 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Yeah. Any other comments  
14 before we conclude on this?

15 (No affirmative response.)

16 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: To the Park and Planning Staff,  
17 thank you for your presentation; and, Ms. Foster, thank you  
18 for your willingness to come and speak this evening, and we  
19 look forward to getting back to you within the time allotted  
20 in response to your request. Hopefully your husband is safe  
21 and have, will return to America safely.

22 With that, we have concluded this hearing and we  
23 will prepare for our next one. Madam Clerk, is there  
24 anything you want us to do specifically as we prepare for  
25 our second joint public hearing?

1 THE CLERK: No, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Well, excuse me, before we  
3 conclude, Mr. Dernoga has his hand up.

4 MR. DERNOGA: To address Mr. Turner's question, I  
5 don't believe the Historic Preservation is part of the  
6 zoning rewrite. It's, what is it, Subtitle 30 of the County  
7 Code, 29? So, I recall rewriting that 15 years ago at the  
8 request of Historic District Commission. I don't think it's  
9 caught up, but there might be some provisions in the zoning  
10 rewrite, but it's a separate article or subtitle.

11 MR. TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Dernoga, as the author  
12 of that subtitle. I know, I know there is a connection,  
13 obviously, between both of those but just to be curious.  
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN HAWKINS: Any additional comments? Madam  
16 Clerk, what would you have us do at this time?

17 THE CLERK: So, we can move right into the next  
18 public hearing.

19 (Whereupon, the hearing was concluded.)  
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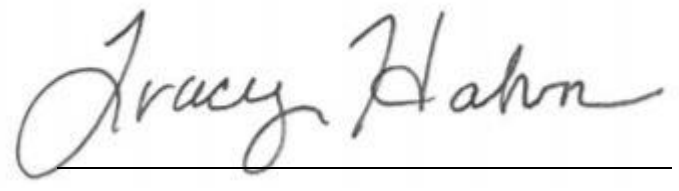
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(68-074-03) Edward and Maggie Smith House, 3215 Perry Street, Mount Rainier, MD 20712

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Former resident 3215 Perry St. Mt Rainier MD

RE: Support for Historic Designation

Thank you for the opportunity to support the efforts of the current residents, Elise Foster and Sachin Yogi, 3215 Perry St., to include my name on the Historic Designation documents. I support their proposal to include my name if/when the site gets designated as historic. I am honored by their efforts on my behalf.

While a teacher at Gallaudet University, I purchased my first home in Mt. Rainier for several reasons:

- Proximity to Gallaudet /Biking distance/public transportation to work
- Historic Architecture
- Several other teachers were purchasing homes at the same time.

Most importantly, I wanted to be a member of a neighborhood that had a history of citizen involvement. And of course, I wanted to be able to shop at the GLUT.

I arrived with cinder blocks and boards to construct book shelves and the Reader's Digest Home Repair book. I spent many years removing wallpaper, scraping paint, patching plaster and cleaning gutters. I joined Neighborhood Watch, attended meetings, collected street trash, raked leaves and shoveled snow. My friends came to dinner, we shared tools, and names of plumbers. I believe I contributed to the well-being of my neighbors and town.

When I became a stone sculptor, I needed another kind of living/work space. Leaving my home after so many years was difficult. Leaving a vibrant diverse community was bittersweet. However, I found another long standing neighborhood, another space needing renovations (a firehouse built in 1884) , and an interest in historic designation.

Thank you for considering this request.

CC Elise Foster

Sachin Yogi