

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2017 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-4-2017
Proposed by The Chairman (by request – Planning Board)
Introduced by Council Members Lehman and Glaros
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction January 10, 2017

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning
2 Designation of the Elmo Clark House, the Dashiell House, the Vernon Wright House, the Helen
3 Dwight Reid House, and the Odell House as Prince George’s County Historic Sites
4 For the purpose approving the designation of the Elmo Clark House (68-074-02); the Dashiell
5 House (68-010-91); The Vernon Wright House (68-010-92); the Helen Dwight Reid House (80-
6 057); and the Odell House (83-048) as Historic Sites in Prince George’s County.

7 WHEREAS, Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s County Code authorizes a process
8 by which owner(s) of County property that meet certain qualifying requirements may request
9 designation as an historic site by application to the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation
10 Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, the Elmo Clark House, with a designated address of 3721 36th Street, Mount
12 Rainier, was built in 1907 and is an example of a simplified, Queen Anne-style dwelling
13 (Criterion (1)(A)(I)), and is a contributing property in the Mount Rainier NRHD (Criterion
14 (1)(A) (IV)); and

15 WHEREAS, the Elmo Clark House is a representative example of a simplified Queen
16 Anne-style dwelling, is part of a group of at least six (6) other similar structures in Mount
17 Rainier (Criterion (2)(A)(I)), and is significant as a moderately intact early dwelling in a highly
18 visible location (Criterion(2)(A)(V)); and

19 WHEREAS, the Elmo Clark House, along with its 6,250 square-foot Environmental Setting
20 shown amongst the County land records as Lot 31, Block 8 within the subdivision known as
21 “Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mount Rainier,” was determined to meet criteria 1.A.(I, IV)

1 and 2.A.(I, IV, V) within the requirements for designation as an Historic Site in the County; and

2 WHEREAS, the Dashiell House, located at 4914 40th Place, Hyattsville, was constructed in
3 1920 and is an example of a modest, vernacular Craftsman-style bungalow commonly found in
4 Prince George's County (Criterion (1)(A)(IV)), and is a contributing property in the Hyattsville
5 NRHD, and is part of a highly visible streetscape (Criterion (2)(A)(V)); and

6 WHEREAS, the Dashiell House, along with its 0.169-acre Environmental Setting, shown
7 among the County land records as Lot 36, Block 1 within the subdivision known as "Holladay
8 Company's Addition to Hyattsville," was determined to meet criteria 1.A.(IV) and 2.A.(I) within
9 the requirements for designation as an Historic Site in the County; and

10 WHEREAS, the Vernon Wright House, located at 6010 43rd Street, Hyattsville, was
11 constructed in 1939 and is an example of a modest, Colonial Revival-style dwelling is significant
12 as an example of a modest dwelling in an emerging automobile-focused neighborhood in
13 Hyattsville, (Criterion (1)(A)(I)), and represents the pre-World War II expansion of the
14 important community of Hyattsville (Criterion (1)(A)(IV)); and

15 WHEREAS, the Vernon Wright House is a representative example of an early twentieth-
16 century Colonial Revival Style dwelling (Criterion (2)(A)(I)), and is a contributing resource in
17 the 2004 Amended and Expanded Hyattsville NRHD ((Criterion (2)(A)(IV)); and

18 WHEREAS, the Vernon Wright House and its 6,017 square-foot Environmental Setting,
19 shown among the County land records as Lot 27, Block B within the subdivision known as
20 "Arundel," was determined to meet criteria 1.A.(I, IV), 2.A.(I, IV) within the requirements for
21 designation as an Historic Site in the County; and

22 WHEREAS, Helen Dwight Reid House, located at 13507 Reid Circle, Fort Washington,
23 was constructed in 1957 along Piscataway Creek, is significant as an early and unique
24 Midcentury-Modern dwelling in the post-World War II development of Fort Washington Estates
25 on the Potomac River in southwestern Prince George's County (Criterion (1)(A)(I)), and was
26 used as a country residence for Dr. Helen Dwight Reid, an internationally prominent educator
27 and government official (Criterion (1)(A)(III)); and

28 WHEREAS, the Helen Dwight Reid House was the first house built on what was then
29 named Reid Circle in the developing subdivision of Fort Washington Estates (Criterion
30 (1)(A)(IV)), and represents a locally unusual example of a Midcentury-Modern dwelling with a
31 Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architectural details (Criterion (2)(A)(I)) and is the work of

1 prominent Washington, DC-based architect Clark T. Harmon, AIA, the designer of a number of
2 other mid-twentieth-century buildings in Prince George's County (Criterion (2)(A)(II)); and

3 WHEREAS, the Helen Dwight Reid House, with its distinctive butterfly roof, large
4 expanses of glass, and other Wright-inspired detailing represent high artistic values (Criterion
5 (2)(A)(III)) and is prominently located at the end of the Reid Circle cul-de-sac in close proximity
6 to the Potomac River (Criterion (2)(A)(V)); and

7 WHEREAS, the Helen Dwight Reid House, along with its 14,660 square-foot
8 Environmental Setting, shown among the County land records upon Lot 27 and a one-half
9 portion of Lot 28, Block E, within the subdivision known as "Fort Washington Estates," was
10 determined to meet criteria 1.A.(I, III, IV) and 2.A.(I, II, III, V) within the requirements for
11 designation as an Historic Site in the County, and

12 WHEREAS the Odell House, located at 14601 Bond's Retreat Road, Accokeek, was
13 constructed in 1976, and is significant as intact example of site-specific construction for one of
14 the large wooded lots of the Moyaone Reserve in southwestern Prince George's County
15 (Criterion (1)(A)(I)); and

16 WHEREAS, the Odell House is the work of prominent local architect Charles F. Wagner,
17 Jr., Criterion (1)(A)(III), and the Odell House is part of a group of 18 dwellings designed by
18 Charles Wagner in Accokeek after World War II, Criterion (1)(A)(IV); and

19 WHEREAS, the Odell House embodies the distinctive characteristics of late Mid-Century-
20 Modern residential design, Criterion (2)(A)(I); and

21 WHEREAS, the Odell House is a penultimate work of a prominent local architect who
22 helped shape the early character of the Moyaone Reserve, Criterion (2)(A)(II), and represents
23 many of the high artistic values of Mid-century Modernism, Criterion (2)(A) (III); and the Odell
24 House is a notable feature on Bond's Retreat Road in the Moyaone Reserve, Criterion (2)(A)(V);
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the Odell House and its 5.47920 acre Environmental Setting, shown among
27 the County land records as Parcel 41, Bonds Retreat, was determined to meet criteria 1.A.(I, III,
28 IV), and 2. A.(I, II, III,V) within the requirements for designation as an Historic Site in the
29 County; and

30 WHEREAS, these above-stated properties are all representative examples of their types,
31 periods of construction, and locations; and

1 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George's County Code,
2 property owners Cristian and Elizabeth Kelly; Janine Wilson; Kayleigh Kulp; Katherine
3 Koumoutseas; and Sara E. Lilly each filed petitions with the Historic Preservation Commission
4 requesting designation of their respective properties as an Historic Site in Prince George's
5 County; and

6 WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice was given as required by law, the Prince
7 George's County Historic Preservation Commission held public hearings on April 16, 2016, and
8 July 19, 2016, on the subject applications; and

9 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Elmo Clark
10 House (68-074-02) and its Environmental Setting of Lot 31, Block 8, Rhode Island Avenue
11 Addition to Mount Rainier; the Dashiell House (68-010-91) and its Environmental Setting of Lot
12 36, Block 1, Holladay Company's Addition to Hyattsville; the Vernon Wright House (68-010-
13 92) and its Environmental Setting of Lot 27, Block B, Arundel Subdivision; the Helen Dwight
14 Reid House (80-057) and its Environmental Setting of Lot 29 and one-half of Lot 28, Block E,
15 Fort Washington Estates; and the Odell House (83-048) and its Environmental Setting of Parcel
16 41, Bonds Retreat, qualify for historic site designation based on the historic site designation
17 criteria described above; and

18 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2016, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the
19 District Council, along with the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-
20 National Capital Park and Planning Commission, conducted a joint public hearing as to the
21 proposed designations herein to seek public comment regarding the proposed designations and
22 significance of these properties; and

23 WHEREAS, the record of the hearing was left open until 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2016;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend
26 that Elmo Clark House (68-074-02); the Dashiell House (68-010-91); The Vernon Wright House
27 (68-010-92); the Helen Dwight Reid House (80-057); and the Odell House (83-048) be
28 designated as Historic Sites in Prince George's County on November 3, 2016.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
30 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
31 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Elmo Clark House (68-074-02),

1 3721 36th Street, Mount Rainier; the Dashiell House (68-010-91), 4914 40th Place, Hyattsville,
2 the Vernon Wright House (68-010-92), 6010 43rd Street, Hyattsville, the Helen Dwight Reid
3 House, (80-057), 13507 Reid Circle, Fort Washington, and the Odell House (83-048), 14601
4 Bond's Retreat Road, Accokeek, be and the same are hereby approved as Designated Historic
5 Sites within Prince George's County historic sites.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerk of the County Council is hereby directed to mail,
7 via first-class mail, copies of this Resolution of approval to the following recipients: (1) Prince
8 George's County Historic Preservation Commission; (2) Prince George's County Planning Board
9 of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and (3) respective property
10 owners Cristian and Elizabeth Kelly, Janine Wilson, Kayleigh Kulp, Katherine Koumoutseas,
11 and Sara E. Lilly.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its
13 adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2017.

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: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council