

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2009 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-53-2009
Proposed by The Chairperson – (By request – Planning Board)
Introduced by Council Members Bland and Olson
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction July 21, 2009

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Kleiner-Davidson White House

3 For the purpose of designating the Kleiner-Davidson White House as a Prince George's County
4 Historic Site (67-022-24).

5 WHEREAS, Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George's County Code provides a process for
6 the owner(s) of an historic property to petition for designation as an historic site with the Prince
7 George's County Historic Preservation Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, the Kleiner-Davidson White House, located at 8529 58th Avenue, Berwyn
9 Heights, MD 20740, is one of a small number of houses from the 1920s in the late Victorian
10 suburb of Charlton Heights (Berwyn Heights); and

11 WHEREAS, this property is an excellent example of the use of early 20th century mail-
12 order houses produced by Sears, Roebuck & Company and embodies the distinctive
13 characteristics of the Craftsman style of domestic architecture of the 1920s and 1930s; and

14 WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 29-120.01, Ann Harris Davidson
15 filed a petition with the Historic Preservation Commission for designation of her property as a
16 Historic Site on March 15, 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson, the author the book *Berwyn Heights: Then and Now*, provided
18 substantial documentation on the history and significance of the house as part of the application
19 process; and

20 WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice was given as required by law, the Prince
21 George's County Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing on May 19, 2009; and

1 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission determined that the Kleiner-Davidson
2 White House and its Environmental Setting of 6,532 square feet (Lot 44, Block 20, Charlton
3 Heights Subdivision) qualifies for Historic Site designation; and

4 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council, held a
5 joint public hearing on the significance of the property with the Prince George’s County
6 Planning Board on July 14, 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, the record of the hearing was left open until 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2009, the Prince George’s County Planning Board voted
9 unanimously to recommend that the Kleiner-Davidson White House be designated as an Historic
10 Site.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
12 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
13 Regional District in Prince George’s County, Maryland, that the Kleiner-Davidson White House,
14 8529 58th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740, is hereby designated as a Prince George’s
15 County Historic Site (67-022-24).
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerk of the Council be directed to mail copies of this
2 Resolution to the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission, the Prince
3 George’s Planning Board, the Mayor of the Town of Berwyn Heights, and Ms. Ann Harris
4 Davidson.

Adopted this 21st day of July , 2009.

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: _____
Marilynn M. Bland
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council