

## COUNCIL BILL 67 MINOR REPAIRS EXCEPTION

October 17, 2016

My Name is Fred Dorsey and I live at 10774 Judy Lane in Columbia. I am President of Preservation Howard supporting CB 67 Providing that certain Minor alterations are exempt from the Historic Preservation Commission.

This bill will provide an expedited process for building owners to have their applications for minor repairs be reviewed and approved by the Executive Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission without having to wait for the next monthly meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

A recent owner's application for the replacement of a front door and two side doors could have been approved with this process in a shorter time frame, the work could have started in a week. and would not have to wait for the next HPC meeting.

This process will not compromise the criteria required for approval that would be given by the HPC. Approval of this bill will reduce the work load on the HPC, allow obtaining permits and licenses in a timelier manner resulting in the work to open for business to begin earlier and hopefully, be ready for the holiday season.

This bill was pre-filed as an Emergency Bill and should receive a prompt favorable vote with immediate enactment.



## Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.

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RE: SUPPORT: CB 67-2016: Historic Preservation Commission

Chairman Ball and Members of the County Council:

I speak on behalf of the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, which is the managing entity of the Patapsco Heritage Area. We support CB67-2016.

Howard County's two historic districts, Ellicott City and Lawyers Hill lie within the Heritage Area, as do many critical historic structures on the Historic Sites Inventory. All of these resources fall under the purview of the Historic Preservation Commission.

We believe CB67 provides an efficient way to streamline the HPC process for minor alterations and routine maintenance. We support expanding the definition of eligible property to include landscape features of historic and architectural significance and we support the "Emergency" status of the Bill in the hopes that it will help expedite the recovery of Ellicott City.

We encourage your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Catherine Cochran".

Mary Catherine Cochran  
Executive Director, Patapsco Heritage Greenway

cc: Grace Kubofcik, President

*PATAPSCO HERITAGE GREENWAY, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization working to preserve, protect, interpret, & restore the environment, history, and culture of the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area.*