

CB46-2018



June 18, 2018

My name is Fred Dorsey and I live at 10774 Judy Lane, Columbia 21044. I am President of Preservation Howard County (PHC) and a member of Historic Preservation Advocates (HPA) in support of CB 46-2018 establishing a Single Site Historic District with some amendments and points to be clarified.

Single Site Historic District was one of several options to protect historic resources and a benefit to property owners provided in the Howard County Historic Preservation Plan created by the HPA and passed by the County Council in 2014.

The following amendments are recommended for:

Page 1 lines 34 & 35 change in language to be "DEMOLITION AND DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT" both are current issues yet to be addressed by separate legislation.

Page 5 line 29 changed to "THE HISTORIC Preservation COMMISSION' WEBPAGE FOR 10 DAYS." providing adequate time for public review.

Page 6, lines 19-20 to read "APPLICATIONS SHALL BE POSTED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE."

Page 6 line 27-28 defining "ADVERSE" to eliminate subjective interpretation of the word and to add "DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT" to address a long standing means of demolition. The inclusion of the attached Single Site criteria requested and provided to the Council in June 2014 by the Historic Preservation Advocates who created the Historic Preservation Plan.

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My points of clarification are:

Must the property be on the Historic Sites Inventory to consider?

Must the petitioner appear before the Zoning Board after HPC recommendation to the Zoning Board?

Once designated it will be accountable to the historic Preservation Commission but what Design Guidelines?

Once designated can the designation be later changed?

How will property owners know of the availability of this designation?

This may be the last historic preservation legislation passed by this sitting Council. Starting with the passage of the Historic Preservation Plan In 2014 you have passed significant bills for the benefit of historic property owners and the protection of Howard County historic resources.

I will end my testimony with the following remarks from PHC, HPA and myself. Each of you, Council member Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa, Weinstein and past member Watson will leave an unprecedented legacy of recognition and action concerning historic preservation that we greatly appreciate and respect. We hope your stewardship of our historic resources will be a benchmark for the members of the next County Council. We look forward to working with them in the same manner as we have with you.

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Findings necessary to establish a Single Site Historic District

A petition may be granted if the Howard County Council finds affirmatively that the establishment of a Single Site Historic District will:

1. Serve to safeguard the heritage of the County by preserving elements of its cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history;
2. Stabilize and improve property values;
3. Foster civic beauty;
4. Promote the use and preservation of the property and /or
5. Embody the distinctive characteristic of a type, period or method of construction; possess high artistic value; represents a significant and distinguishable entity.



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I, FRED DORSEY, have been duly authorized by  
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PRESERVATION HOWARD COUNTY to deliver testimony to the  
*(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)*

County Council regarding CB-46 to express the organization's  
*(bill or resolution number)*

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.  
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