



HOWARD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Jason Thompson
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
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RE: HPC-23-18; 8683-HO-585 Frederick Road, Ellicott City

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On August 3, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) provided Advisory Comments for the proposed parking lot expansion, which also includes removal of trees, lighting and stormwater management and the replacement and relocation of BGE guy transmission and guy poles at 8683 Frederick Road, Ellicott City. A summary of the Commission's comments is provided below, and more detail can be found in the August HPC minutes, to be approved by the HPC on September 7, 2023

- 1) The Commission commended the parking expansion, as it would help an overlooked, yet important site in Ellicott City's Black history to reach a broader audience. The placement is consistent with the Ellicott City Design Guidelines (although not required as this site is outside of the district), and out of the viewshed of the historic building. If possible, the Commission supported the use of permeable paving for the parking lot expansion.
- 2) Even though the historic building is outside of the Ellicott City Historic District, the Commission recommended new lighting follow Ellicott City Design Guidelines, and should not be too modern in design.
- 3) The Commission advised Department of Recreation and Parks to work with BGE to reduce the number of trees required for removal, and replant when the project is finished.

Please contact Ms. Samantha Holmes at 410-313-4428 or sholmes@howardcountymd.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Erica Zoren
Chair, Historic Preservation Commission

cc: HO-585, 8683 Frederick Road File