


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	GARY W. COLE, ACTING DIRECTOR <i>G Cole</i>	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0174-BALTIMORE CITY LANDMARK LIST- SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE		

DATE:

**TO**

October 3, 2008

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 N. Holliday Street

At its regular meeting of September 25, 2008, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #08-0174, for the purpose of designating the Scottish Rite Temple, located at 3800 North Charles Street, as a historical landmark

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached agenda, summary and previous staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #08-0174 and adopted the following resolution, nine members being present (nine in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0174 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Acting Division Chief for Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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cc:

- Mr. Andy Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Demuane Millard, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Commission Representative
- Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD
- Ms. Deepa Bhattacharyya, Law Department
- Mr. Larry Greene, Councilmanic Services
- Ms. Kathleen Kotarba, Chief, CHAP
- Mr. Tyler Gearhart, Chairman, CHAP

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**STAFF REPORT**

**March 6, 2008**

**REQUEST:** Baltimore City Landmark Designation/Scottish Rite Temple - 3800 North Charles Street.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

**STAFF:** W. Edward Leon

**PETITIONER(S):** Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)

**OWNER:** Scottish Rite Holding Company

**SITE/GENERAL AREA**

Site Conditions: The Scottish Rite Temple is a large municipal/religious styled structure located within the Tuscany-Canterbury community and adjacent to the Guilford community and is zoned R-9.

General Area: The area immediately surrounding the landmark site is of a combination of churches, large apartment buildings, single family detached homes and rowhomes.

**HISTORY**

There are no known previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

**CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

This site lies within the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood. The structure is already located within the Tuscany-Canterbury National Register historic district.

**ANALYSIS**

This is the second public hearing on the historic landmark designation process. The structure was reviewed and approved by the CHAP Commission on September 11, 2007. After the Planning Commission considers this matter; it will then go to the City Council for introduction by the administration.

The Scottish Rite Temple, located at 3800 North Charles Street, is a building owned and operated by the local branch of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The building was designed and built in 1930 by noted architect and 33 degree Freemason Clyde N. Friz with the consulting help of noted and well re-known architect John Russell Pope. Friz designed many well known structures throughout Baltimore including the Enoch Pratt

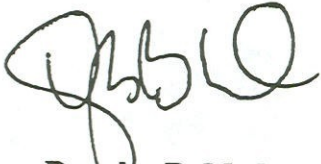
Free Library (1933), the Standard Oil Company Building, the Home of the Friendly Insurance Company Building, the Knights of Pythias Building, the Central Fire Insurance Building in addition to several churches including St. Paul's (Baker & Longwood), First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ and many homes throughout the Baltimore area. John Russell Pope designed the massive Masonic Temple of the Scottish Rite in Washington DC (1915), D.A.R. Constitution Hall (1929), National City Christian Church (1930), along with other notable works such as the Jefferson Memorial (1941), the West Building of the National Gallery of Art (1939), The National Archives Building (1935), the Baltimore Museum of Art (1929) - *City Landmark, 1987* and the triumphal arch to Theodore Roosevelt Memorial at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City (1936). Today many of his designs are noted as text book examples of the Beaux Arts and Classical Revival style in the United States

The site meets CHAP Landmark designation Criteria 1 and 4.

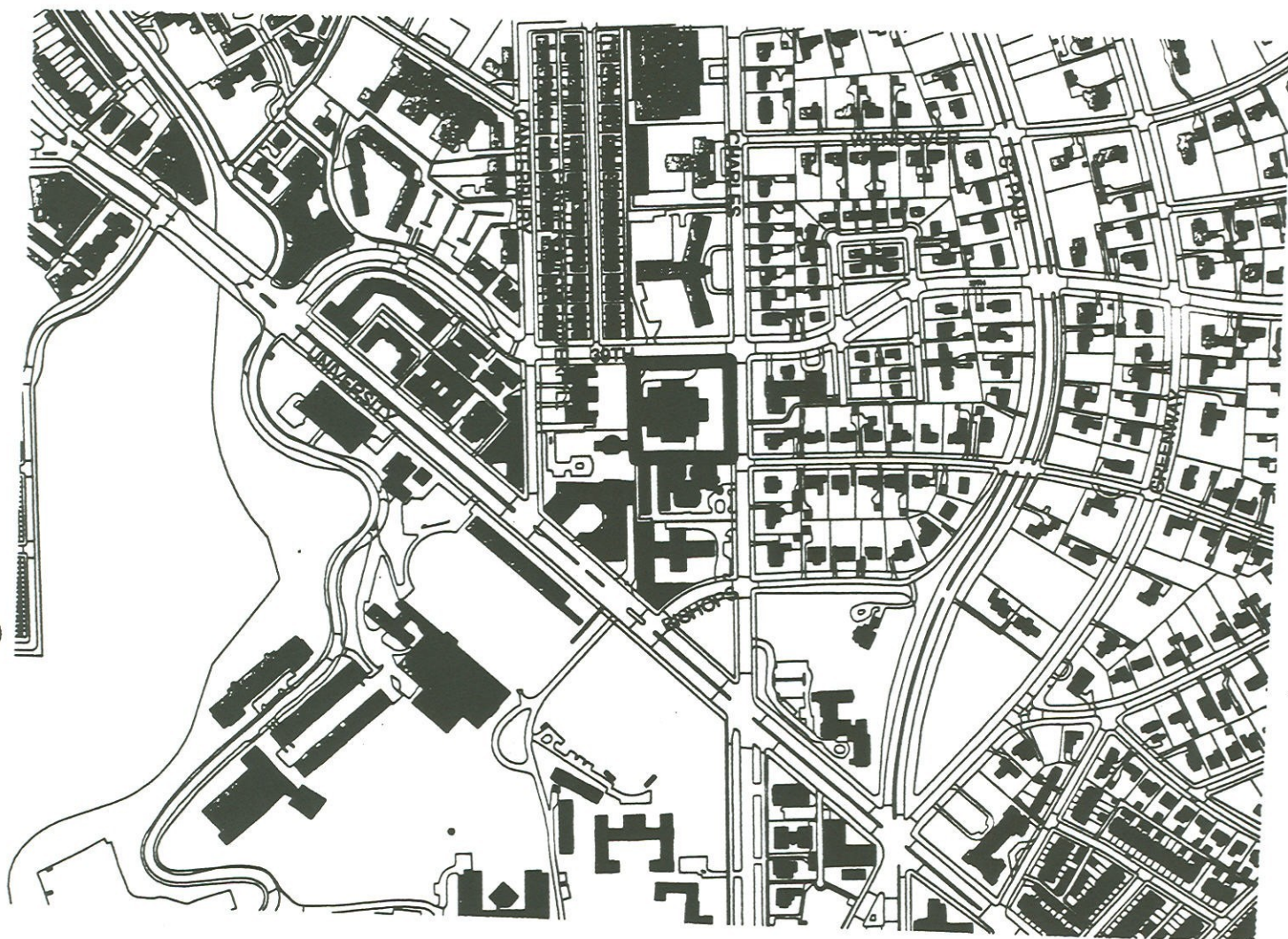
*1. dates from a particular period having a significant character, interest, or value, as part of the development, heritage, or culture of the City of Baltimore; and*

*4. is significant of the architectural period in which it was built and has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style, method of construction, or engineering, or is the notable work of a master builder, designer, engineer, artist, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age*

The property owner and the following community groups have been notified of this project: Tuscany-Canterbury Association, Guilford Neighborhood Association and Councilwoman Clarke.



**Douglas B. McCoach, III**  
**Director**



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**Baltimore City Landmarik Designation  
The Scottish Rite Temple  
3800 North Charles Street**

Planning Commission  
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