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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0007/BALTIMORE CITY LANDMARK LIST-W.E.B. DU BOIS HOUSE		

TO

DATE:

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

February 22, 2008

At its regular meeting of February 21, 2008 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #08-0007, which is for the purpose of designating the W.E.B. Du Bois House, 2302 Montebello Terrace, 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 #08-0007 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0007 be passed by the City Council.

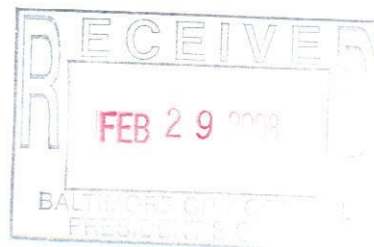
If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at 410-396-8337.

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Attachments

cc:

- Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- Mr. Demuane Milliard, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. for Planning Commission
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Donald Small, DHCD
- Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD
- Ms. Jennifer Coates, Councilmanic Services
- Ms. Linda Barclay, Law Department
- Mr. Tyler Gearhart, CHAP, Chairman
- Ms. Kathleen Kotarba, CHAP



PLANNING COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

August 9, 2007

REQUEST: Historic Landmark Designation/W.E.B. Du Bois House-2302 Montebello Terrace

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Eric Holcomb

PETITIONER: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)

OWNER: Leonore Woods Burts

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The W.E.B. Du Bois House is a two-story Colonial Revival house located at 2302 Montebello Terrace in the Morgan Park neighborhood. Morgan Park began as a residential component to Morgan College in 1918. The neighborhood soon became the community of many of Baltimore's African American elite. The property is zoned R-3.

General Area: The W.E.B. Du Bois House sits in Morgan Park, a detached, suburban neighborhood located in northeast Baltimore. The neighborhood abuts Morgan State University and the neighborhood of Lauraville.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The landmark designation reinforces the residential and historic character of Morgan Park. The designation conforms to CMP Live/Goal 2/Objective 4 *Protect and Enhance the Preservation of Baltimore's Historic Buildings and Neighborhoods*.

ANALYSIS

The W.E.B. Du Bois house, located at 2302 Montebello Terrace in the Morgan Park neighborhood, **meets landmark standard for designation number 2** as a building "associated with the life of an outstanding historical person." W.E.B Du Bois owned this house from 1939 to 1950.

In 1939, W.E.B. Du Bois, world renowned African American scholar and activist, hired C. J. White, an architect/builder, to design and build a house for him at 2302 Montebello Terrace. In the spring of 1940, Du Bois' wife Nina, daughter Yolande Williams, and granddaughter Du Bois Williams moved into the house. On July 1, 1950, Nina Du Bois passed away. On February 14, 1951, W.E.B. Du Bois married Shirley Graham, who between 1929 and 1932 studied music at Howard University and Morgan State College. Shortly after Nina's death, Du Bois sold the house to Leo and Geneva Woods. The house is still owned by the Woods family.

This is the second step in a three-step designation process. First, the designation proposal was approved by CHAP on January 16, 2007. Second, the Planning Commission will review the designation. Third, upon approval of the Planning Commission, CHAP will forward the designation to City Council for approval through the City ordinance process.

The property owner, Morgan Park Improvement Association, and Neighborhood of Greater Lauraville were notified of this hearing.



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Director