



FROM	NAME & TITLE	DOUGLAS B. MCCOACH, III, DIRECTOR 	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0138BALTIMORE CITY LANDMARKLIST- SAINT PAUL COMMUNITY BAPTISTCHURCH- 1901 EAST FEDERAL STREET		

TO

DATE:
July 3, 2008

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

At its regular meeting of June 26, 2008, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #08-0138, for the purpose of designating Saint Paul Baptist Church, located at 1901 East Federal Street, as a Baltimore City 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 #08-0138 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 #08-0138 be passed by the City Council.

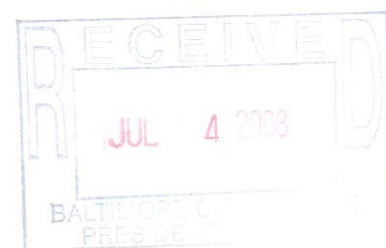
If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at 410-396-8337.

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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
Ms. Kathleen Kotarba, Chair, CHAP
Mr. Tyler Gearhart, Chairman, CHAP



PLANNING COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

September 6, 2007

REQUEST: Baltimore City Landmark Designation/Saint Paul Community Baptist Church -1901 E. Federal Street

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Fred B. Shoken

PETITIONER(S): City of Baltimore – Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)

OWNER: Saint Paul Community Baptist Church, Inc.

SITE/ GENERAL AREA

- This 1894 stone church building is located on a 70' x 66' at the SE corner of Federal and Wolfe streets in the Broadway East neighborhood. Throughout its history, four different congregations have located in this building serving the surrounding community. This site has always housed a religious institution since development took place in this neighborhood in the late nineteenth century.

HISTORY

- CHAP approved landmark designation for the Saint Paul Community Baptist Church on August 14, 2007. After approval of landmark designation by the Planning Commission and Mayor and City Council any future exterior change to the building will require CHAP review.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The designation of Saint Paul Community Baptist Church as a Baltimore City Landmark is consistent with the Comprehensive Master Plan: Play Section, Goal 1, Object 4 "Strengthen Stewardship of Historical and Cultural Resources [The Baltimore City Landmark Program is administered by CHAP and provides legally-binding protection for the preservation of a historic resource. Landmark designation reports provide 'authentic' well-documented history of historic properties. These reports may serve as the basis for the historical information needed in the Authentic Baltimore application.]"

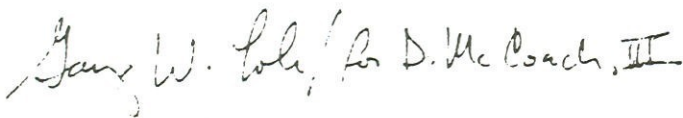
ANALYSIS

The Saint Paul Community Baptist Church (1901 E. Federal Street) qualifies for landmark designation meeting the following standards:

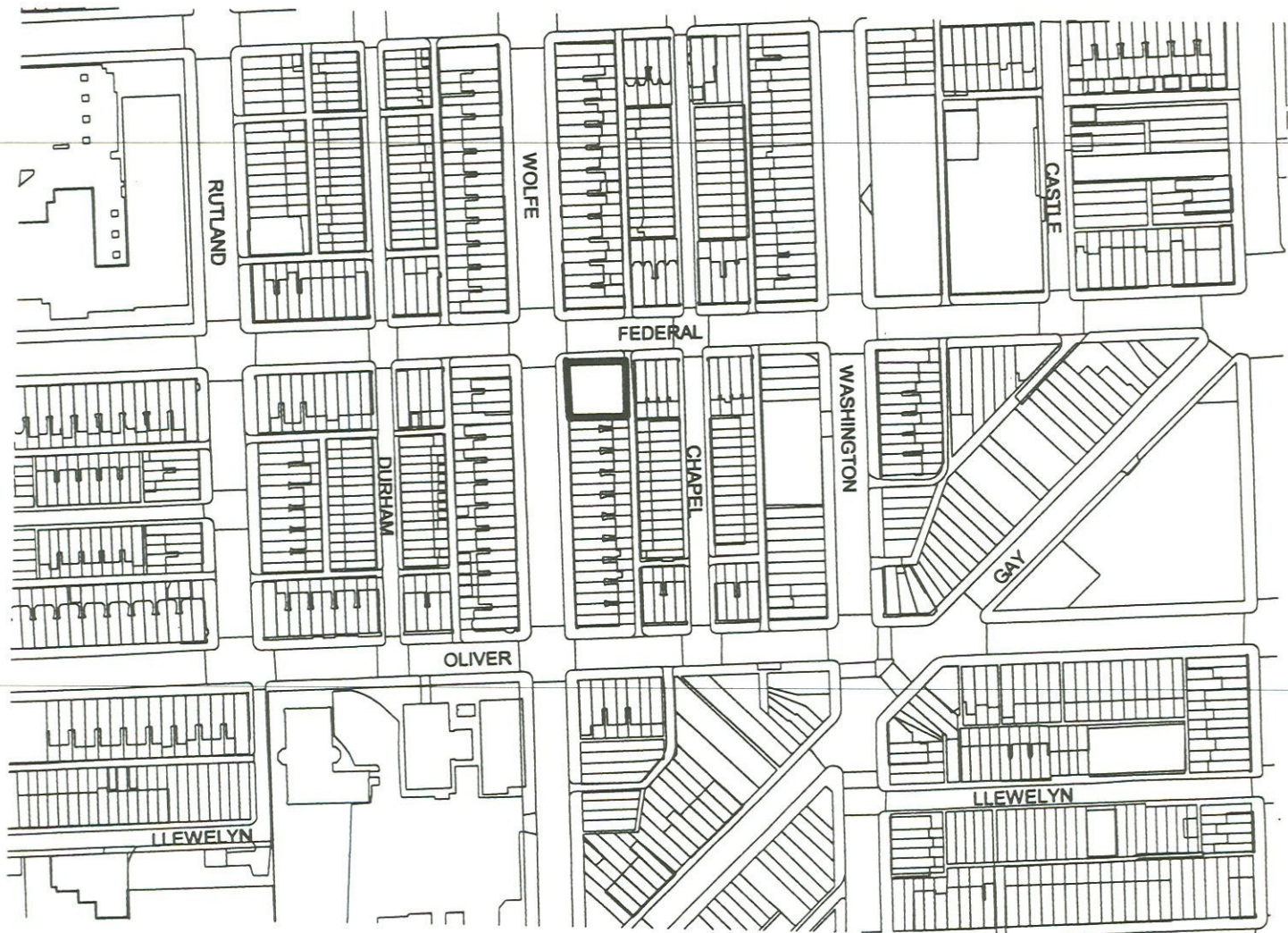
- **Standard #1 (Significant Character):** This church is significant for the diverse congregations it has served for over 100 years: the original builders – a Lutheran congregation; Baltimore’s First Mormon Church building; a city-wide interdenominational church that broadcast services over the radio; and the current Baptist Church serving Baltimore’s African-American community.
- **Standard #2 (Associated with Important Persons):** Reverend Lowman was a notable evangelist leader and innovator when this building housed the Baltimore Gospel Tabernacle; Reverend Revels (the founder of the St. Paul Community Baptist Church) and Reverend Perkins (the current pastor of the church) were both community and religious leaders. Reverend Perkins served as the President of Baltimore’s Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.
- **Standard #4 (Architectural Significance):** The building is representative of Romanesque Revival ecclesiastic architecture and featuring notable details including: arched stained glass windows, granite walls with Indiana limestone trim, slate roofs and a Moller organ.
- **Standard #5 (Contributes to Heritage of Community):** The history of this church is representative of demographic shifts over the years resulting in churches first being built in neighborhoods outside of the downtown area and later serving various populations.

The current congregation will celebrate fifty years at this location in 2009. The church intends to renovate the interior and seek preservation funding sources to restore the exterior.

The property owner and Broadway East Community Association and Biddle, Broadway, North Avenue, Chester Support Council were notified of this Baltimore City Landmark designation.



Douglas B. McCoach, III
Director



Planning Commission
September 6, 2007



**BALTIMORE CITY LANDMARK DESIGNATION
ST. PAUL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
AT 1901 E. FEDERAL STREET**