


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	GARY W. COLE, ACTING DIRECTOR <i>GWC</i>	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b>  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0170-BALTIMORE CITY LANDMARK LIST/FOUR BAY HOUSE AT 1733 ALICEANNA STREET		

**TO**

DATE:

September 17, 2008

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

At its regular meeting of September 11, 2008, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #08-0170, for the purpose of designating the Four Bay House, located at 1733 Aliceanna 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 #08-0170 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor).

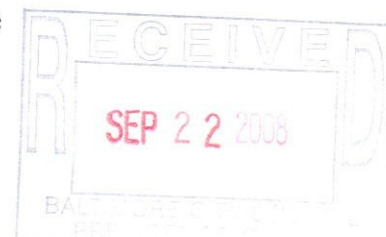
RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0170 be passed by the City Council.

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

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cc:

Mr. Andy Frank, Deputy Mayor  
Mr. Demuane Millard, Mayor's Office  
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**

**April 3, 2008**

**REQUEST: Baltimore City Landmark Designation/Four Bay House at 1733 Aliceanna Street**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval.**

**STAFF: W. Edward Leon**

**PETITIONER(S): Councilman James Kraft and the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)**

**OWNER: The Franciscan Friars of the Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church**

#### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

**Site Conditions:** The Four Bay House is located on a single lot which includes several other buildings that was once part of the St. Stanislaus Church complex and school and is zoned B-2-2.

**General Area:** The area immediately surrounding the landmark site is essentially the heart of the historic Fells Point community of a combination of rowhomes and small business structures.

#### **HISTORY**

There are no known previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding these sites. The Fells Point area was approved by the Planning Commission on April 10, 2007 as part of the CHAP historic district designation process. The district was approved and signed by the Mayor on November 27, 2007.

#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

This site lies within the Fells Point historic district and the Southeast Planning area. The goal of the designation is to recognize the historical and architectural importance of this nearly last late 18<sup>th</sup> century structure. This structure is already located within the Fells Point National Register historic district and is eligible for state and local historic tax credits. The building is now located within the recently designated Local historic district and is subject to CHAP review for all exterior work.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Planning Commission hearing is the second public hearing on the historic landmark designation for the Four Bay House. The first hearing was by the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) on April 10, 2007, when the Landmark

Designation for the Four Bay House was approved. If the matter is approved by the Planning Commission, it will then go to the City Council for introduction by the administration as a bill to authorize Baltimore City Landmark Designation for the Four Bay House.

The Four Bay House at 1733 Aliceanna Street was originally used by a blacksmith and then later as a convent by 1914. This house was owned by the same blacksmithing family for roughly fifty years before the church bought the property. Past owners and census information reveals that a ship carpenter by the name of William Dunsford was listed as living at the property and was a seaman who was noted as being captured by the British during the War of 1812. In the 1820s the next occupant Thomas Pamphilon, according to Census records is shown as having a total of four white males, one white female and four young female slaves living on the property. Coincidentally, these slaves lived at the site at the same time that another famous slave, Frederick Douglas, lived in the next block over. Maps of the site show that the blacksmith workshop was located at the rear of the property in what is now the parking lot behind the church building. *(Note: any construction in the parking lot vicinity may unearth archaeological artifacts and structures related to the blacksmithing operation or where additional housing quarters may have been located)* A special note was inserted into an early deed in 1817 that clearly indicates that the building had a gable styled roof which existed before being re-adapted with the late 19<sup>th</sup> century Italianate cornice third story façade and details. This building was purchased by the church in 1892.

The Four Bay House at 1733 Aliceanna Street meets the following CHAP Landmark Criteria:

- Criteria #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
- Criteria #4: is significant of the architectural period in which it is 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 following community groups have been notified of this project: St. Stanislaus RC Church (property owners), Baltimore Heritage, Baltimore AIA, Baltimore Architecture Foundation, Fells Point Community Association, Fells Point Development Corporation, Greenspace Action Partnership, The Preservation Society, Fells Point Homeowners Association, Lemko Tenants Organization, Waterfront Coalition, Polish Community Association of Maryland, Polish American Professional Association, Polish National Alliance, Polish American Congress, Polish Monument Committee, Polish Women's Alliance, and elected officials of the area.



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Director