

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President Bwdie

DATE:

June 30, 2008

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 08-0138

Baltimore City Landmark List - Saint Paul Community Baptist Church

City Council Bill No. 08-0138 has been referred to the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) for comment. This Bill would designate Saint Paul Community Baptist Church, 1091 East Federal Street, as an historical landmark.

The church, constructed circa 1894, is an imposing stone structure of Romanesque Revival style located at the corner of North Wolfe and East Federal Streets, having intact its stained glass windows and 1930 Moller organ.

The importance of this church resides largely in the rich ecumenical history of housing a variety of religious denominations since its establishment as an Evangelical Lutheran Congregation.

In its over 100 year history, it has served four different religious congregations (Lutheran, Mormon, Interdenominational and Baptist), and is testimony to the changing demographics of religious communities in Baltimore. It is also the site of early use of radio broadcast technology in reaching a wider ministerial audience.

BDC hereby expresses support for Bill No. 08-0138, and recommends your favorable consideration for same.

cc:

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