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NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR
AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET
SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #16-0713 / BALTIMORE CITY LANDMARK LIST: EXTERIORS – GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH – 3000-3004 HUNTINGDON AVENUE

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



DATE: September 26, 2016

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

At its regular meeting of August 25, 2016, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #16-0713, for the purpose of designating the Greater Faith Baptist Church located at 3000-3004 Huntingdon Avenue as a Commission for Historic Architectural Preservation (CHAP) Landmark.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the previous staff report that recommended approval of the Historic Landmark. Thus, the Planning Commission recommended approval of City Council Bill #16-0713 and adopted the following resolution six members being present (six in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #16-0713 be passed by the City Council.

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

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Chief of Staff
- Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
- Mr. Leon Pinkett, Assistant Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
- Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
- Mr. Patrick Fleming, DOT
- Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services
- Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
- Ms. Melissa Krafchik, PABC
- Mr. Eric Holcomb, CHAP



*Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

*Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman*

### DRAFT STAFF REPORT



*Thomas J. Stosur*  
Director

October 8, 2015

**REQUEST:** Landmark Designation: Greater Faith Baptist Church – 3000 Huntingdon Ave.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

**STAFF:** Lauren E. Schizik

**PETITIONER:** Greater Faith Baptist Church

**OWNER:** Greater Faith Baptist Church

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

##### Site Conditions:

The property consists of a three-bay wide, deep two-story Gothic Revival church (3000 Huntingdon Ave.) and it is adjacent to a two story brick rectory (3004 Huntingdon Ave.).

##### General Area:

Greater Faith Baptist Church is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Huntingdon Ave. and W. 30<sup>th</sup> St. in Remington. It is located directly south of Wyman Park. Across the street to both the south and east are residential blocks of two story rowhouses. Located to the west is The Greenmount School.

#### **HISTORY**

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

The proposal is consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, specifically: **PLAY Goal 1: Strengthen Stewardship of Historical and Cultural Resources;** **LIVE Objective 4: Protect and Enhance the Preservation of Baltimore's Historic Buildings and Neighborhoods.**

#### **ANALYSIS**

This is the second public hearing for this structure as part of the Baltimore City Landmark designation process. The first hearing occurred when the CHAP Commission reviewed and recommended approval of Landmark designation on October 13, 2015. CHAP's staff report is attached to this staff report.

This Landmark Designation has been reviewed by the CHAP Commission and is consistent with planning initiatives.

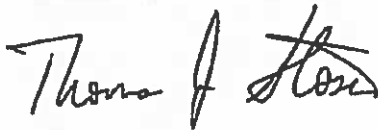
Landmark Designation: Greater Faith Baptist Church, 3000 Huntingdon Ave.

The CHAP Commission found the following: The church today known as Greater Faith Baptist Church was constructed for Keen Memorial Methodist Protestant Church, one of the oldest churches in the Remington community, which served the community for 107 years. The church began in 1887, and served the Remington community through its ministry, but also through outreach to railroad workers, establishment of the neighborhood's YMCA, and other community events. The church was also active in the greater Methodist Church and its social activism, such as temperance in the early-20<sup>th</sup> century, and fighting racial discrimination in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Today the church is home to the Greater Faith Baptist Church, and is the only historic church in Remington that is still extant and serving its original purpose today.

Based upon the historical context of the Greater Faith Baptist Church, the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation found that it meets CHAP Landmark designation criteria for the following standards:

- B. A Baltimore City Landmark may be a site, structure, landscape, building (or portion thereof), place, work of art, or other object which:
1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Baltimore history;

Staff has notified the following of this action: Mayor and City Council, Baltimore AIA Chapter, Baltimore Heritage, Baltimore City Historical Society, Baltimore National Heritage Area, Preservation Maryland, Strong City Baltimore, Greater Remington Improvement Council, and the Remington Neighborhood Alliance.



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**Director**