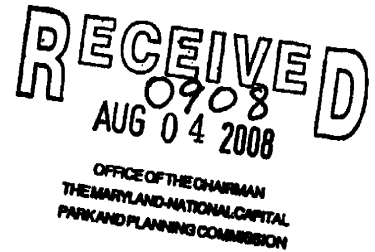


William P. Chamberlin
563 County route 10, Corinth, NY 12822
August 3, 2008



Royce Hanson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Preservation of Falkland Chase Apartments

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Among criteria for historic significance and for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is *association with important persons or events*. In reviewing the arguments that have been put forth for preserving all or part of what remains of the Falkland Chase Apartments, it occurred to me that the case for preservation might be strengthened by listing some of the persons of note that have lived there, particularly in the 1930s and 1940s.

My family moved to Falkland in 1937 when I was four years old. We were the first residents of what was then 1550 East West Highway, located in what we referred to as the "lower court". Falkland was then an isolated community surrounded by fields and forests. President Roosevelt would frequently drive through the "circle" at 16th Street and Colesville Road on his way out of the city to Camp David, then known as Shangri-la, sometimes stopping to speak. When we needed a third bedroom for my aged grandmother who came to live with us, we moved two doors away to 1554. I lived in Falkland until I left for college in 1951. My parents moved from there in 1957.

I knew the following persons of note who lived in that community during the years that it was my home:

James E. Daly was a contemporary of mine. After graduating from Montgomery Blair HS, Jim joined the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) where he became the first superintendent of the MCPD's police academy. As a Captain, Jim was killed in the line of duty while answering a call for assistance in apprehending a robbery suspect. A bridge, a local elementary school and a street in suburban Maryland are named for him.

Fletcher Knebel, the writer, lived in one of the duplexes on Draper Lane in the 1940s.

Charlie Malone, an offensive end for the Washington Redskins football team lived with his family in one of the four-unit apartment buildings on East-West Highway.

Henrietta Nesbitt, retired housekeeper in the Roosevelt White House lived in an

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apartment on North Falkland Drive where she wrote a memoir of her experiences.

Shirley Povich, nationally known sports reporter for the Washington Post, specializing in baseball, lived in one of the duplexes in the "upper court" of East-West Highway. His son, **Maury Povich**, was one of the "little kids" in the neighborhood when I was growing up.

Merrill Whittlesy, sports writer for the Evening Star specializing in golf and college basketball lived at 1552 in the 1940sm and 1950s.

There must have been others of whom I am not aware. Perhaps a search for other early resident might uncover other names.

I hope this is helpful,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Chamberlin".

William P. Chamberlin

copy Claire Kelley
Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission

MCP-Chairman

From: Desiree [desireen66@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2008 10:50 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Falkland Proposal

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Hello!

I read the ad in the local Caribou shop with great interest and decided to e-mail you.

I'm delighted to hear that Falkland is adding more than 200 new units to their complex of apartments.

However, the units **must** be affordable to teachers and other professionals who don't generally earn more than \$50,000 per year. The rents are insane around Silver Spring--I'm lucky to pay \$1,200--most of the rents for a one-bedroom are about \$1,600.

The \$1,600 includes the Falkland Apartments, which are old (c.1940) and do not have washers and dryers in them. Why do renters have to pay an exorbitant amount for older apartments with no in-house washing facilities?

San Francisco has set up low-cost apartments for teachers and other workers. Why can't Silver Spring do the same?

Finally, these much-needed employees/renters are subject to the whims (salary wise) of their employers and the economy at large. They have no control over what they earn. It is sad that employers are still stuck in 2001, but employees should not struggle for good, basic, housing in 2008.

Best Regards,

Desiree Rye
Silver Spring, MD
desireen66@yahoo.com

Coleman, Joyce

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THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

From: dario [dario20009@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2008 1:40 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Falkland Apartments

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to beg for affordable housing in the new Falkland Apartments in downtown Silver Spring. I am 42 years old and I barely make enough to eat after I pay my current rent at the Blair off of East West Highway. Montgomery County is a wonderful place to live, however, it appears as though it discriminates against people who make less than \$60,000 a year. I serve my community and I am a productive citizen, yet I can hardly make ends meet. Don't allow Montgomery County to throw me out on the street and force me to live in a ghetto or a crime ridden neighborhood. Please help the under served and under privileged. Help me! I am an asset to Montgomery County along with other wonderful tax paying citizens. But our communities have become impossible to survive in due to hi rents and over priced services. Please contact me if you would like to discuss my or my neighbors' situation in Montgomery County! Thank you....Darryll Flammer: 240-350-7359

Fothergill, Anne

Subject: FW: 18425 Jonesville Road

-----Original Message-----

From: cmckenzie1@cox.net [mailto:cmckenzie1@cox.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 12:17 PM

To: Whipple, Scott

Cc: brhoderick@deloitte.com

Subject: 18425 Jonesville Road

Mr. Whipple:

It has come to my attention that there is some concern regarding my inspection of the above referenced property since I was not allowed access into the house due to safety concerns from the owners. In most cases, I would agree that a full interior inspection would be required to render a proper structural opinion.

However, in this case, there was more than enough evidence of severe structural distress and failure from the portions of the house I could observe, including the entire exterior, the cellar and large areas of the interior as viewed from the doorway and windows. From this evidence (as documented in my report) and my extensive experience in dealing with similar conditions, I feel that I could certainly render a proper opinion regarding the structural condition of the house.

As indicated in the report, my opinion stands that the house was in extremely poor structural condition and that it is structurally unsafe. I am certain that interior inspection at this point would not alter my opinion and it may actually be dangerous based on my observations and the information from the realtor regarding the floor failure.

Hopefully this helps in clarifying my inspection and opinions in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Colin C. McKenzie, P.E.