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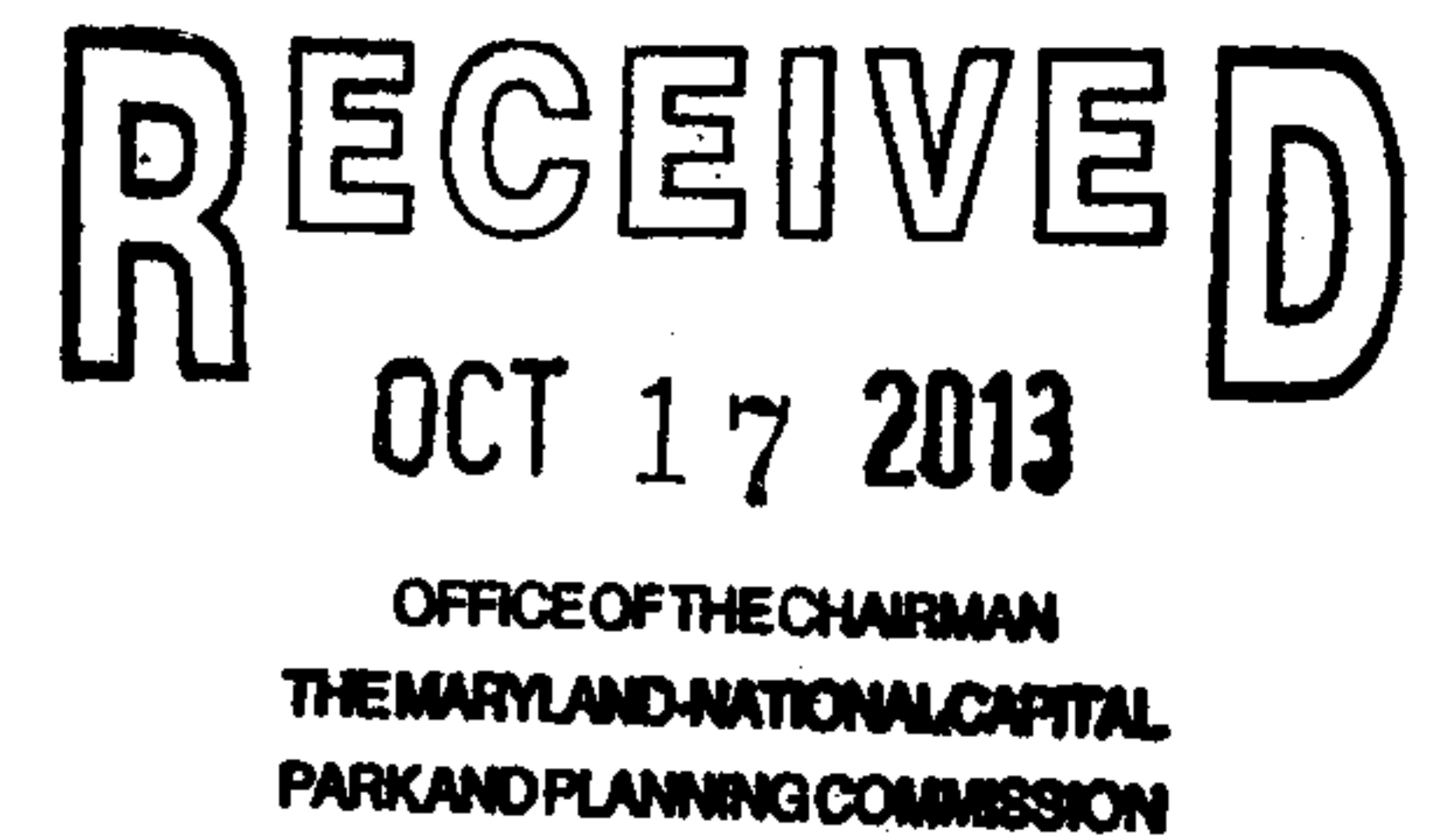
From: Trish Weisman <trishweisman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 11:45 AM
To: MCP-Chair
Subject: Wheaton rec center

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I am not against historical preservation, but it can be overdone. Wheaton rec center is showing its age, and I can't see that its historical/architectural interest outweighs the importance of using limited land well for current and future residents. Please do not preserve it. Please plan the new facility according to the needs of diverse groups who will use it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Trish Weisman
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October 17, 2013

I received a telephone call regarding the Wheaton Rec Center at 2:15 pm today. The caller wishes to remain anonymous and has the following comments:

1. She is entirely opposed to the Gilchrist Center being built. She does not believe resources should be used for an immigration center.
2. She is in favor of a new library but hopes that the architect who designed the apartments near the Metro station will not be used. She finds these apartments very ugly.

Joanne Hill

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Dear Planning Board Members

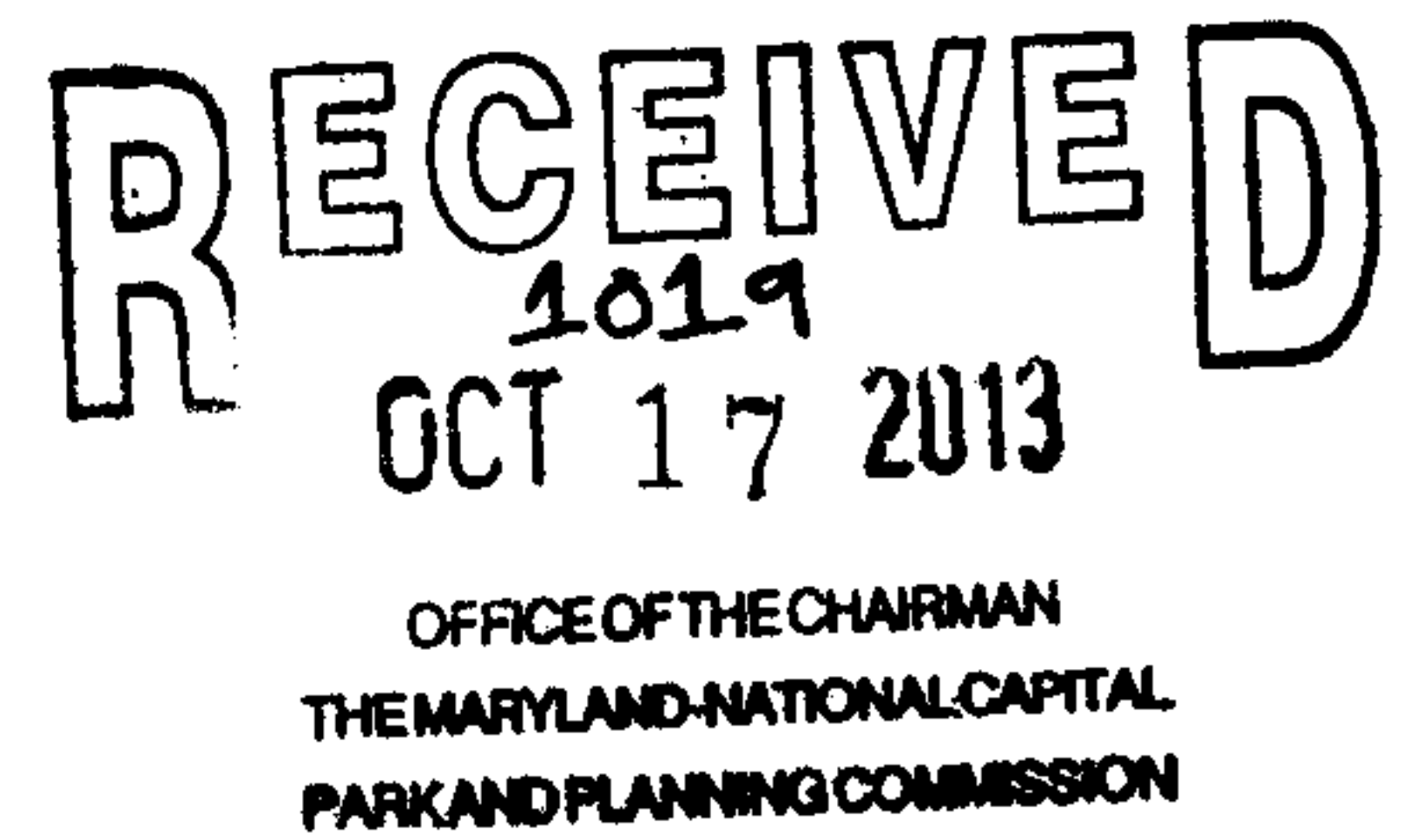
I am writing in support of saving the Wheaton Youth Center. I read in today's Washington Post that the Montgomery County Office of Historic Preservation wants to preserve all or part of the building and I would like to add my voice in support of that goal. That stretch of Georgia Ave is pretty ugly by anyone's standards and I have always thought of the Youth Center as a very architecturally classy building that really adds something to the neighborhood and helps give it an anchor.

Thanks,
Mark Willcher



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TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

SUBJECT: Wheaton Youth Center

The East Count Recreation Advisory Board completely supports the letter that the Countywide Recreation Advisory Boart submitted, so we aren't going to subject you to reading the same things over.

As I was looking at the Planning Board agenda, I saw other buildings up for historical designation. Looking at the pictures of these buildings, they didn't seem to be anything special. This brought up a bigger question to me. I have heard that it is almost impossible to have a building removed from historical designation, with this in mind. Is it smart to tie our hands with all these historical designations when these properties may be needed for some kind of development 10, 20, or 30 years in the future? A school, park, hospital, or other essential future project that no one could imagine now, may not be able to be built. Why not wait until a project is planned for the site so that the project can be weighed against the historical designation. I believe the public is much better served by this method. Councilman knap was looking into making it harder to designate buildings historical, but he chose not to run for office again and it was dropped. I believe the council should look into and have this discussion again.

Mark Pharaoh.

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Chair. East Count Recreation Advisory Board

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From: MCP-Historic
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 11:26 AM
To: MCP-CTRACK
Cc: Kelly, Clare
Subject: FW: Wheaton Recreation Center

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Subject: Wheaton Recreation Center

Greetings,

I'm writing to say that I support the historic preservation of the Wheaton Recreation Center. It is significant not just from an architectural viewpoint but also because of its place in pop culture dating back to when the center programmed concerts by bands that became international successes.

Wheaton is a dynamic place and I've seen many changes there over time, but we should preserve important buildings and adapt them for new uses.

Thank you.

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From: Deb Dreyfuss <d.dreyfuss@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Wheaton Rec Center

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Gaaaaa! How many testifying are actually FROM Wheaton? I read about this in the news and was horrified that you would consider keeping this atrocity when the good citizens and Wheaton neighbors could have a modern functional facility. As a Wheaton native and longtime resident, I watched the youth center being built, and still remember how we hated the design but had no say or influence with politicians. I attended many an event there as a teenager, and truly enjoyed having fun with friends, but it had NOTHING to do with the fake pagoda design, which we all loathed. Mid-century pseudo-Asian? You've GOT to be kidding.

Why not just have a dedicated space for memorabilia in a new building with historical photos, and special events dedicated to all the old dinosaurs (which I definitely AM)? Stop wasting our valuable time and resources for such nonsense. I would rather have saved the farmhouse at the Mooseum!! And I probably got my mold sensitivity from all the time spent at the Wheaton Youth Center.

I guess, once again, I probably have no say or influence.

Deborah Dreyfuss
Former Wheaton resident

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COUNTY WIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEMORANDUM

October 15, 2013

TO: Francoise Carrier, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM: Chris Richardson, Chair *Chris M. Richardson*
Countywide Recreation Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Wheaton Library, Community Recreation Center, & Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity

As you know, the County is in the process of Design Development for a major community amenity in Wheaton. The replacement of the existing Library and Neighborhood Recreation Center with the Wheaton Library, Community Recreation Center, and Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity will form a significant public anchor at the northern edge of the downtown and serve as an iconic gateway to a revitalized Wheaton proper. The County is currently in negotiations with the Commission to complete the acquisition of the Parks parcel where the Recreation Center now sits.

Recently the Historic Preservation staff recommended, and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approved, a resolution to designate the "Wheaton Youth Center," as it had originally been named when built, as an historic structure. The HPC added a caveat to their motion that the designation should not impinge upon the design and development of the new facilities. Mr. Kirwan, HPC Chair, in his letter to the Executive and County Council President, indicated that the HPC encouraged the redevelopment with the application of "high quality, thoughtful design" to accomplish a "sensitively and compatibly" designed integration along with providing the "much needed facility and community service improvements."

The Countywide Recreation Advisory Board would encourage the Planning Board to consider the following items when deliberating over the HPC recommendation:

There is very little disagreement over the current condition of the Recreation Center. It is old, worn out, and well beyond the potential usable life of its structure and systems.

The current spaces, designed to be a "teen club house," no longer perform that function. Today and tomorrow's programming/services/activities must serve a very different population and demographic with very different needs as compared to the original building. The integration of the Community Recreation amenities with the Library and Cultural Diversity Center will provide an unparalleled opportunity to deliver the widest possible range of service to the Wheaton Community.

The individuals who spoke in favor of the designation at the HPC hearing related memories of their participation in activities at the location and not remembrances of the structure. The activities that were of major importance were produced and managed by Montgomery County Recreation, which will continue to be the case in the new building. New memories for current and future generations will continue to build the layers of history so important to the full sense of community in its broadest definition.

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The project could be viewed as one that is transitional in nature and can bring forward important components of Wheaton's, and the County's, history through the development of these new facilities. By utilizing the criteria of the National Park Service's Heritage Documentation Programs, the existing structures and landscape can be documented in extreme detail. One advantage in this is that we have all of the original construction documents, the Park Department's renovation documents, and the added bonus of having the same Project Manager for this development, as for the renovations.

In addition, we believe the County is committed to honoring the former building and more importantly its programs with significant interpretive displays and activities in the new facility. Moreover, it is our understanding that the design team has indicated that there are a substantial number of architectural elements from the existing building that can be utilized in the new development emphasizing Mr. Kirwan's sensitive and compatible design integration concept.

Lastly, we are concerned that the absolute and complete retention of the entire existing Recreation Center structure on the site will have a massive impact on the design integrity and cost of this project. This impact could be substantial enough to cause a delay and, in the worst case, postponement or deletion of the project from the Capital Improvements Program for at least the foreseeable future. No one is well served by the loss of this project.

The Countywide Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Board give consideration to these issues as it deliberates its recommendation to the County Council and that we find some appropriate method to honor and reflect the past history of Wheaton while celebrating and planning for its bright future.

I want to thank the Board for its time and consideration of this item. If we can be of assistance with any questions or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Gabriel Albornoz, Director
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Attachments: WUDAC letter on WYC.pdf

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Dear Ms. Carrier,

I am writing to forward the letter from the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee on the historic designation of the Wheaton Youth Center. Though a new date has been set for the next public hearing, they wanted me to forward this for your information.

Sincerely,

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Isiah Leggett
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Ana L. van Balen
Director

October 16, 2013

Françoise Carrier
Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Chairwoman Carrier:

The Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC) consists of a representative cross-section of the Wheaton community, including residents and homeowners, small businesses, the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce, and large businesses. On behalf of WUDAC, I want to express our appreciation to you and the Planning Board for extending the time frame for considering an amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation of the Wheaton Youth Center (31/48), located at 11711 Georgia Avenue in Wheaton.

WUDAC is pleased to see that the Board has provided for a second hearing and postponed the work session originally planned for October 17, 2013. Recognition and preservation of our historic structures is extremely important to the future of our communities, and the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A, provides powerful protection for resources added to the Master Plan. However, such designations do not occur in a vacuum, which is why it is critical that the process move forward with full, thorough, and informed public participation. This is particularly important when the location under consideration by the Historic Preservation staff, at the direction of the Historic Preservation Commission, does not originate from parties in the community where the resource is located.

At WUDAC's monthly meeting held on October 6th, the committee discussed the proposed historic designation of the Wheaton Youth Center and its potential impact on plans for a new, updated recreational facility and library for the greater Wheaton area. WUDAC Members stated their desire to work with the Planning Board to better understand the potential impact on the recreation center and library project cost and timeline that accompany the historic designation of the existing structure. While individual WUDAC Members informally expressed opinions on the designation process and recommendations, as a group we concluded that WUDAC had neither sufficient time nor information to formally take a position on the project. In light of that conclusion, we voted to request an

extension of the comment period so that we, and the people of Wheaton affected by this project, could provide better-informed, definitive input into the amendment process.

Specifically, we request that the second hearing not be held until after November 12, 2013 in order to allow WUDAC the time to formally adopt a position on the proposed amendment and historic designation of the existing Wheaton Youth Center. WUDAC additionally requests the November hearing to occur during the evening hours to better accommodate the majority of the community who want to participate in the discussion and process. An open, transparent, and convenient process is paramount to ensure the public is well informed and understands what is at stake regarding the future of the recreational center and its redevelopment with the library.

Thank you in advance for a serious and thorough consideration of WUDAC's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henri St. Gerard". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "H" and a prominent "S" for "St".

Henriot St. Gerard

Chair

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee

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Subject: Wheaton Youth Center Historical Preservation Designation Determination

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October 25, 2013

Planning Board
M-NCPPC
8787 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Wheaton Youth Center Historical Preservation Designation Determination

I am a residents' representative to the Wheaton Urban Development Advisory Committee (WUDAC) and was unable to provide input to the WUDAC letter on this subject. The following views are my own as a resident of Wheaton and do not reflect the views of WUDAC. I live approximately 5 blocks from the site.

I do not have the expertise to speak to the historical significance of the Wheaton Youth Center's architecture. The historical preservation commission's recommendation notes that "Keyes' design was well tailored to meet the needs of youth." The auditorium was designed for roller skating in the daytime and plays and concerts at night. Over time, the auditorium was modified so kids could play basketball. Would historic preservation require Wheaton's kids to return to roller skates or are we going to be allowed to change with the times? Times change, needs change, and designs change. If Keyes were alive, I suspect he would welcome the chance to design a new structure to meet today's needs.

The \$36 million were appropriated for recreation not historic preservation. If the Youth Center is designated for historical preservation then additional funds will be needed to preserve it and to redesign the Recreation Center around it. But it is my view that the community would receive greater benefit if the Youth Center were razed to allow for construction of a modern recreation complex.

The commission cites that examples of the architect's work have disappeared in other parts of the county. Thus they imply this increases the need to preserve this site. This would be a terrible insult to Wheaton, an already neglected and blighted area in the county, to have allowed other areas to develop and modernize while Wheaton is hamstrung because of past failures to preserve architecture.

The historical preservation commission suggests that the trees around the site have historic significance. They may have environmental significance, but the commission is inaccurate in calling them "original". Although they predated the Youth Center, they are not original growth. The Youth Center was designed and constructed to keep as many trees as possible, but already the boxwoods, hickory, birch and willow have been lost. What remains are locust, maple, and oak. The locust and maple have a life span of 70-100 years so a goal of preserving these trees is not possible to achieve.

Just as they did in 1963, the youth and citizens of Wheaton need a recreation center and the site of the old Youth Center has been selected and funds appropriated for that purpose. Designating the old building for preservation would deprive the public of this much needed new facility. May I suggest an alternative means of honoring the work of the late architect? Designate a wall in the new recreation center for photos and drawings and descriptions of the Youth Center and its history.

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From: Britch, Ray <Ray.Britch@turner.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 11:51 AM
To: MCP-Chair
Subject: Wheaton Youth Center / Library future

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Hello:

As a property owner in Wheaton since 2004, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to preserve the dilapidated Wheaton Youth Center. Doing this would delay yet again the new combined library/recreation center that Wheaton has been promised for a number of years.

We were told a few years ago that Centex homes would preserve the Rafferty Center as public space for Wheaton in the redevelopment of the Good Counsel High School site on Georgia Avenue. However, it was **demolished** to squeeze in more townhouses. The community **remembers** this, and has felt let down by the county since that time.

As everyone would agree, the people of Wheaton need a **new** library/community center/recreation center, as the County has promised us. This possible historic designation of the old Youth Center serves only to delay the new project, and threaten the future of the newly-constructed center. Please push ahead with the new development, as Wheaton will wait no longer for this facility.

I was at the grand opening evening of the new Safeway in Wheaton where in Mr. Leggett's podium speech he mentioned how hard the county is now working to finally fulfill the long-promised redevelopment of Wheaton. Please continue to follow through on our new combined rec center and library, and stop any further delays relating to the possible preservation of the old Youth Center building.

Thank you.
Ray Britch
Wheaton, MD

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From: Marcie Stickle/Geo French <marcipro@aol.com>
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To: MCP-Chair; MCP-Chair
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Subject: Wheaton Youth Center Petition, 10/20/13, Designate/Save/Use/Incorporate into New Development, 11/14/13 Hearing
Attachments: Wheaton_Youth_Center_Petition.pdf

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Please Share With Planning Board Chair & Commissioners, and include in the Record the attached Wheaton Youth Center Petition With 38 Signers On, 10/20/13, for 11/14/13 Hearing on M-NCPPC Park Resources, Amendment to Master Plan for Historic Preservation. Petition reads:

Wheaton Youth Center: We the Undersigned Support Historic Designation, Continued Use, and Incorporation into New Development!

Petition was signed 10/20/13 at the Old Greenbelt Theater's showing of "Led Zeppelin Played Here," documentary by filmmaker Jeff Krulik, who served also as host and discussion leader after the viewing.

We also support the "stand-alone" preservation and adaptive reuse scenario.

The Wheaton Youth Center has been determined by the Maryland Historical Trust to be National Register eligible architecturally and historically, including for its sociological impact.

Thank you, Marcie Stickle & George French, Silver Spring Historical Society, 301-585-3817

Petition: Wheaton Youth Center
 we the undersigned support Historic Designation, continue class, & Incorporation
 into New Development!

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Greenbelt, Washington Youth Center

We are understanding and supporting Historic Designation, continued use, & Incorporation
in the New Development!

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Petition: Wheaton Youth Center
 We the undersigned support its Historic Designation, continuation, &
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Petition: Wheaton Youth Center

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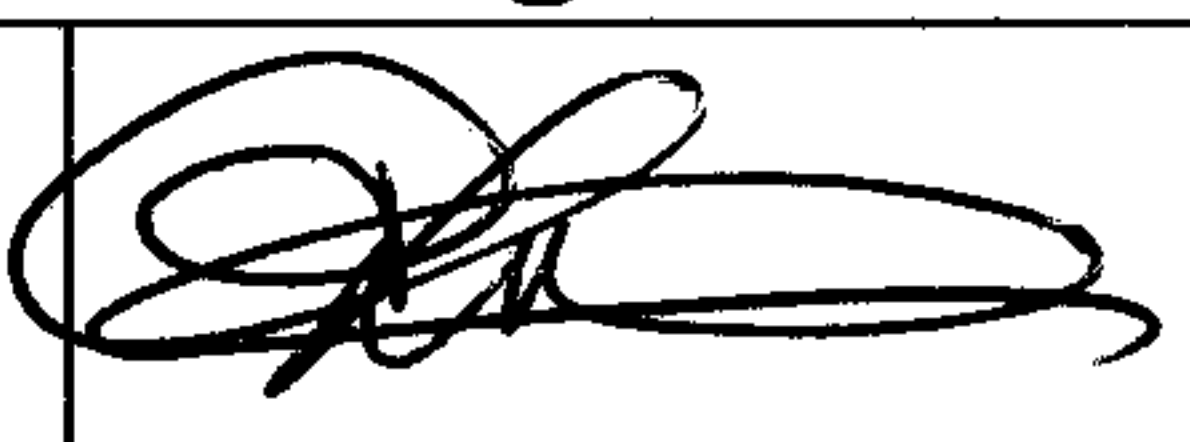
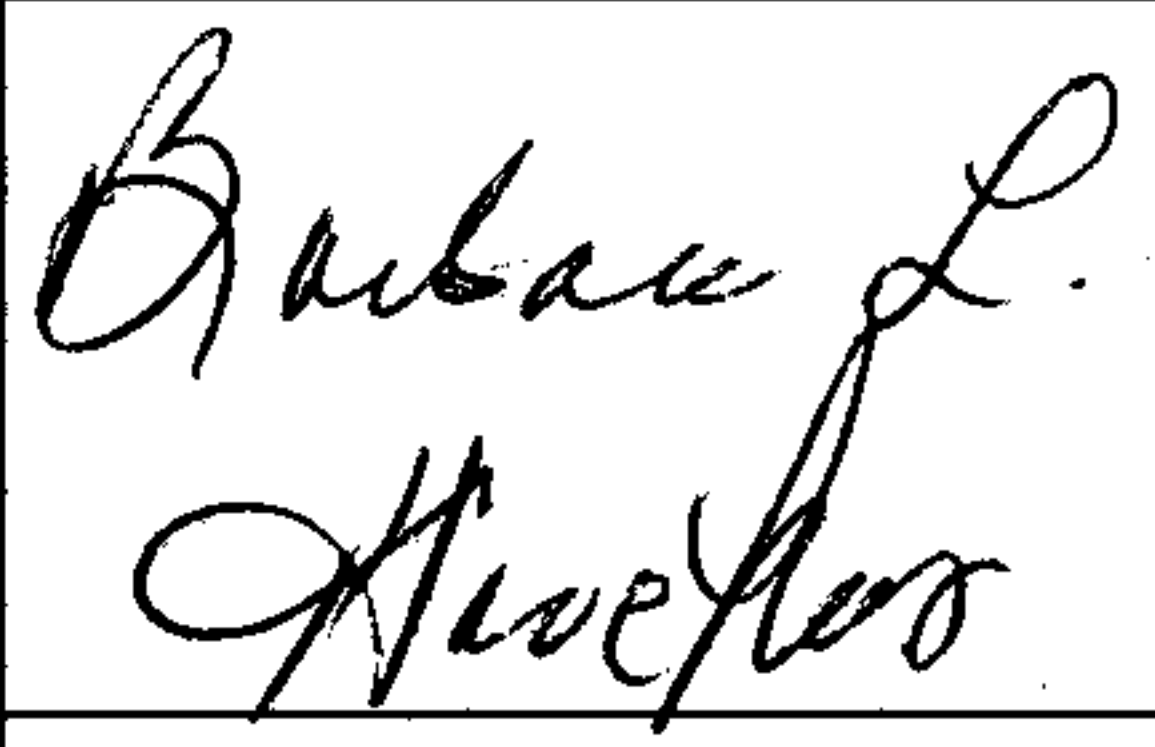
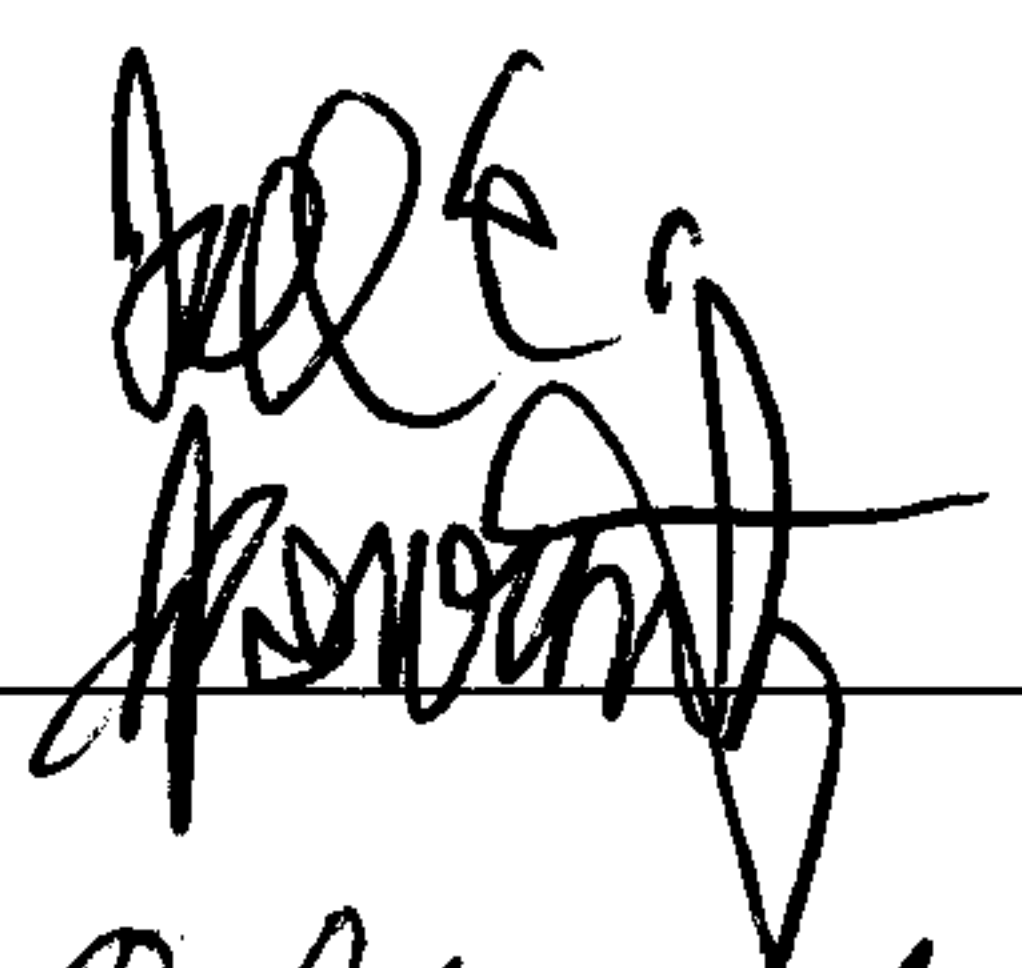

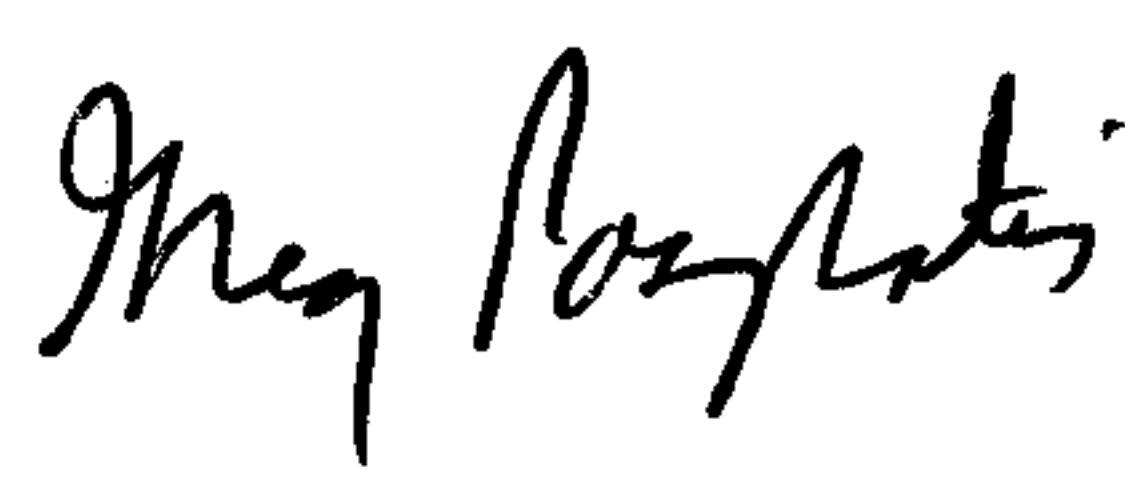
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To the Montgomery County Planning Board

We the undersigned believe that the Wheaton Youth Center, located at 11711 Georgia Avenue, should be designated as an historic site. The unique architecture, its positive influence on a generation of teenagers and the extraordinary contribution to the history of popular music of both nationally known and local musicians qualifies it as historic.

Thank you.

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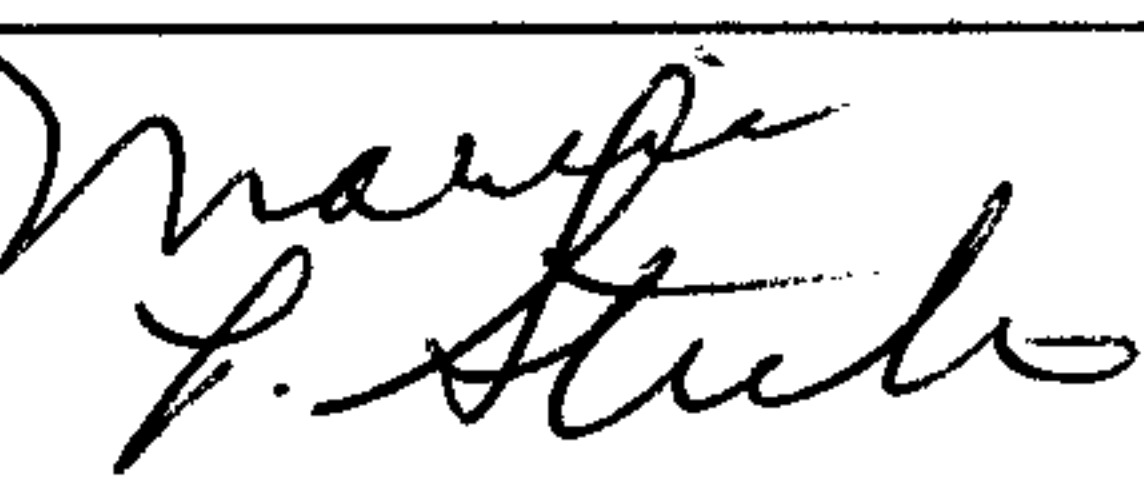
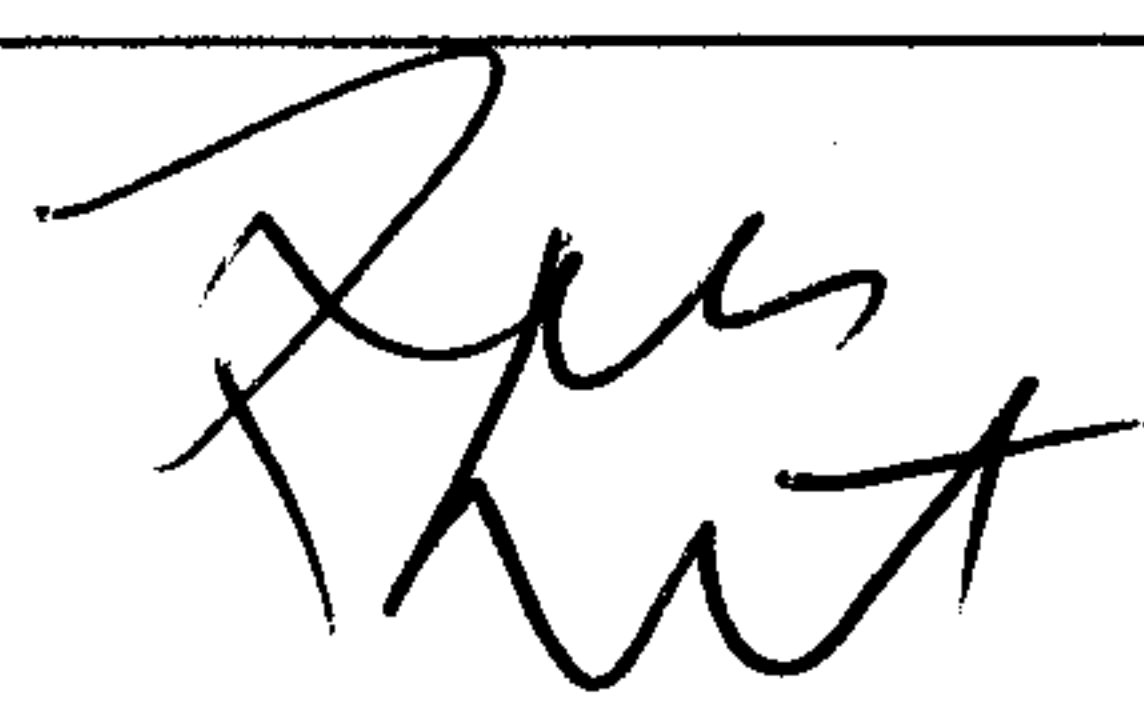

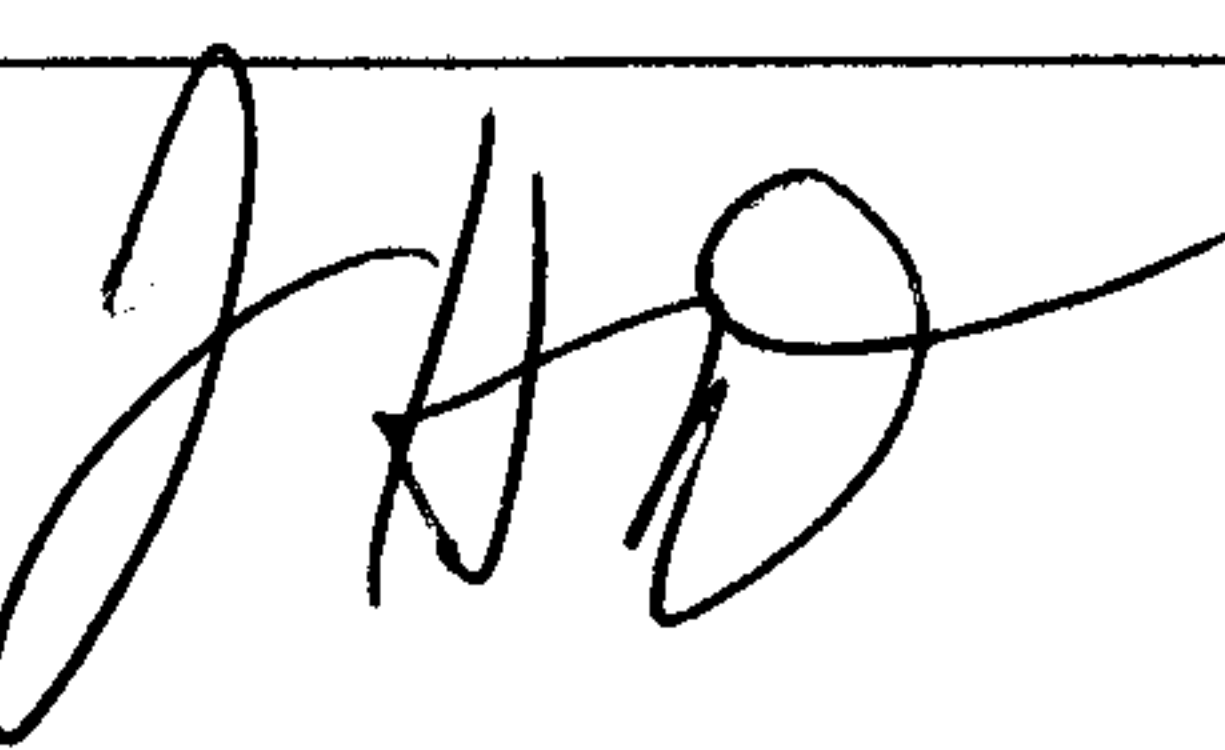
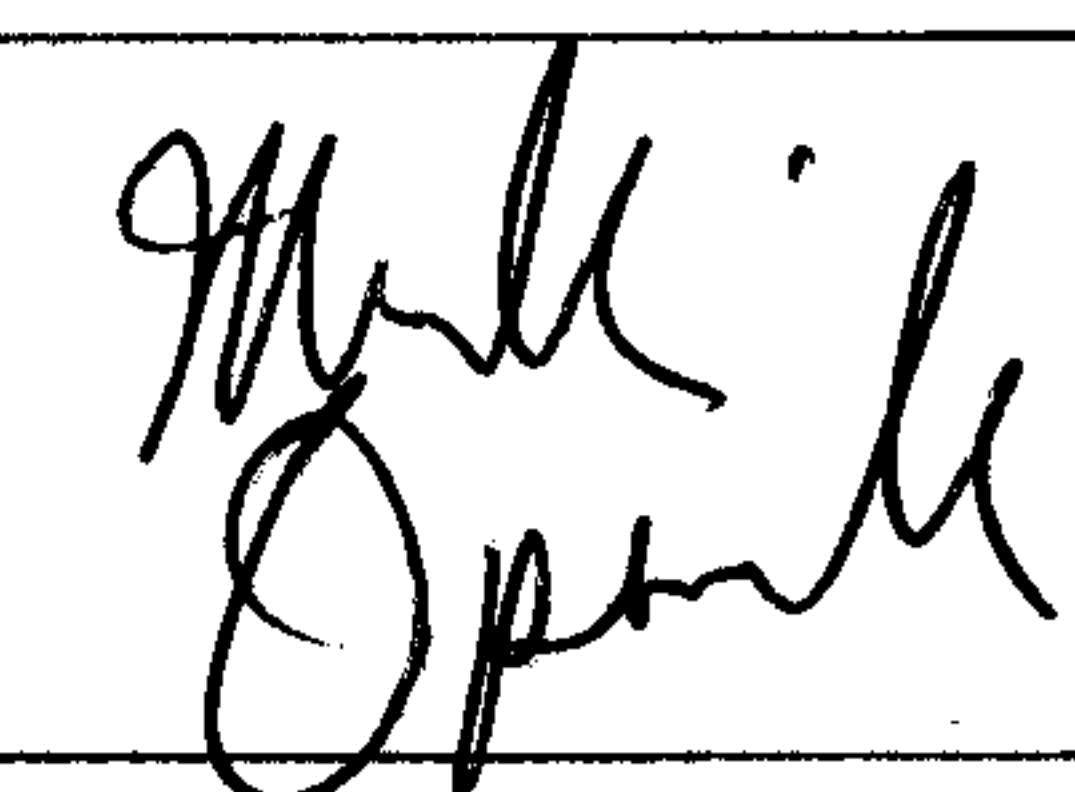
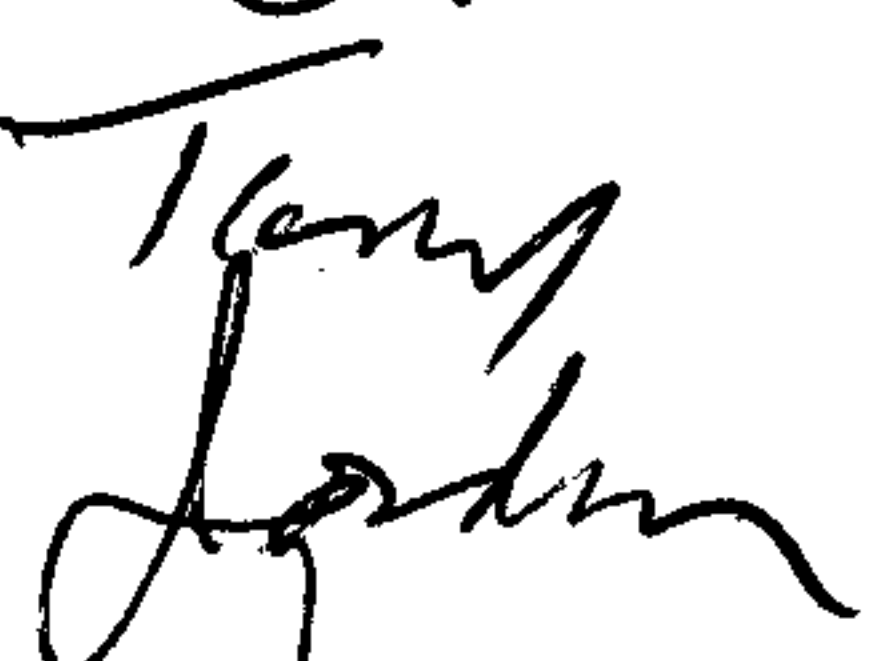
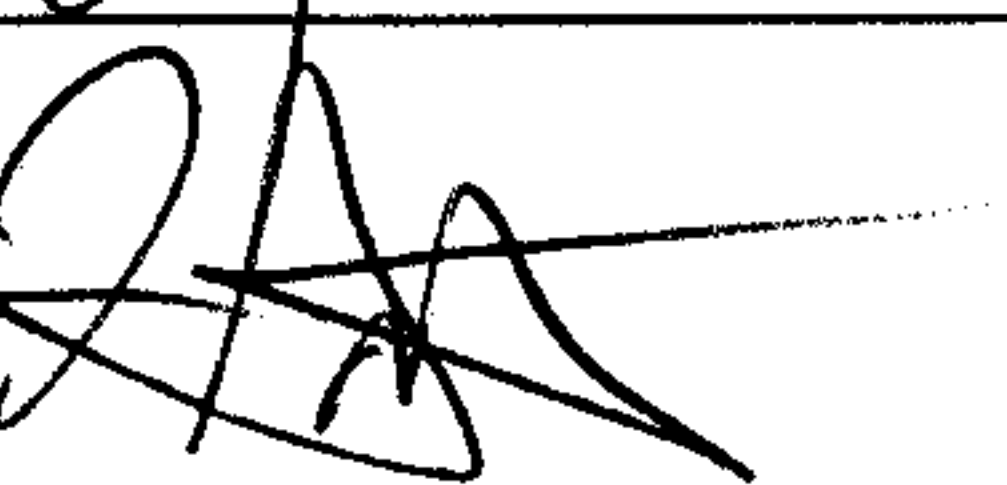
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From: John Bogasky <johnbogasky@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 8:51 AM
To: MCP-Chair
Subject: Note opposing historic designation for Wheaton Youth Center

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
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Ms. Carrier

I am writing to oppose Historic designation for the Wheaton Youth Center. I have read the HPC staff report and remain unconvinced that historic designation is warranted. I hope that the Planning Commission denies the HPC's recommendation and allows redevelopment of the site to proceed unhindered.

By way of introduction, I have lived in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood for 23 years and in Wheaton for 5 years before that. I am the Treasurer for the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association and a founding Board member of the Glenmont Exchange. Thank you for your attention to my note.

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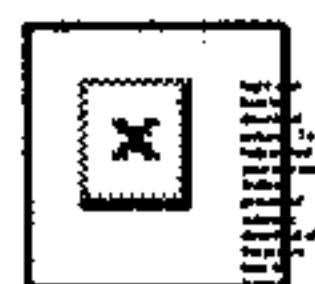
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From: Judith Christensen <jchris43@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 12:07 PM
To: MCP-Chair
Subject: Wheaton Rec Center Letter to editor

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Dear Chair Carrier;

This letter to the editor of the Gazette Newspapers is a response to the editorial of Oct. 30, 2013 entitled "Rec center blues." It was submitted on Monday November 4th but has not appeared in print as yet. Please accept it as part of the record.

Thank you,

Judith A. Christensen
Executive Director
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Montgomery Preservation Inc.

Promoting the Preservation, Protection and Enjoyment of Montgomery County's historic structures and landscapes

November 4, 2013

Editor, TheGazette Newspapers

Subject: Wheaton Community Center Designation Editorial

Dear Editor:

The Editorial titled "Rec center blues" in the October 30, 2013, Gazette is notable for what it omits or fails to understand and convey to the public. Please allow Montgomery Preservation to explain.

First, the historic designation process is intended to preserve buildings that physically define an architectural and social era. The Wheaton Rec center, designed by a distinguished architectural firm, is a unique classic representation of mid-20th Century modern institutional design. Its outstanding quality was recognized immediately with an award from the Potomac Valley Chapter AIA, and 50 years later it was equally lauded by scholars Gournay, Sies, and Longstreth as a significant mid-20th Century site.

The historic nomination is not about Led Zeppelin or other famous bands performing here. It is about the unique architectural impact of this building, its social relationship to Montgomery County, and its significance as a public recreation structure. Led Zeppelin's booking in a suburb illustrates the maturation of Montgomery County as a venue attraction to patrons and performers that could compete with D.C. clubs. This would have been impossible 10 years previously. In addition to the stage, it also had an indoor roller skating area, now used as the basketball court, and other rooms which continue to fulfill its ongoing community functions. Maintenance has been sparse recently, but no mold or odor is visible. This building is functional and repairable.

Some oppose historic designation for fear that preservation efforts will postpone a needed larger library and recreation center. That is not our aim, and there is

ample time in the planning process to include the Rec Center. The design team recently selected three site plan concepts to consider, one of which has the combined building and parking entirely on the library site, leaving the Rec Center site as green space. There is room for both historic and new buildings here.

Much of this controversy could have been avoided if County planners had assessed the history and significance of the Center earlier in the process. It fell to the Historic Preservation Commission to do its job of identifying and evaluating a threatened potentially significant Montgomery County structure. This project has been in process since the mid-1990s, so this clash could and should have been avoided.

Montgomery Preservation wants both: improved facilities for Wheaton and preservation with continued use of an outstanding architectural icon. It can be a win-win situation.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Christensen, Executive Director

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.

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From: Jeff Krulik <jeffkrulik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 2:12 PM
To: MCP-Chair
Subject: Response to Rec Center Blues Opinion Piece Gazette Newspaper 10/30

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
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PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

To: Planning Board Chair

From: Jeff Krulik

Re: My response to Gazette editorial of 10/30. I emailed this reply on 11/5.

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013 3:18 PM, Jeff Krulik <jeffkrulik@me.com> wrote:

I'm writing in response to the editorial *Rec Center Blues* Oct 30, regarding the fate of the Wheaton Recreation Center on Georgia Avenue. I was dismayed to see such a broad indictment against the building fixating on the rock concert history of the space, with little regard for the significance of the architecture, which is first and foremost, the reason the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend for preservation, or adaptive reuse.

Whether Led Zeppelin or any band, local or otherwise, plugged in their amps there, is secondary to the fact that the building is one of the few remaining examples along Georgia Avenue that represent something other than the stifling architectural sameness that goes for miles in either direction. A building from 1963 really stands out in 2013, and deserves better consideration than the cheap shot you gave it fixating on "classic rock."

Thank you.

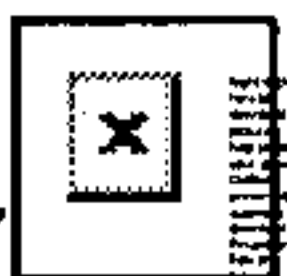
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From: Marcie Stickle/Geo French <marcipro@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 1:17 PM
To: MCP-Chair
Cc: Kelly, Clare
Subject: Fwd: Wheaton Youth Center Petition, Designate/Save/Use/Incorporate into New Development, 11/14/13 Hearing
Attachments: Wheaton_Youth_Center_Petition,_11-3-13.pdf

Also please distribute to Planning Board Chair and Commissioners for the 11/14/13

Hearing on Park Resources, thank you, Marcie Stickle, 301-585-3817



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

From: Marcie Stickle/Geo French <marcipro@aol.com>

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Sent: Wed, Nov 6, 2013 1:04 pm

Subject: Wheaton Youth Center Petition, Designate/Save/Use/Incorporate into New Development, 11/14/13 Hearing

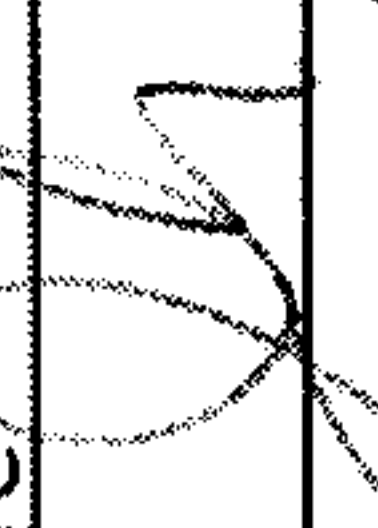




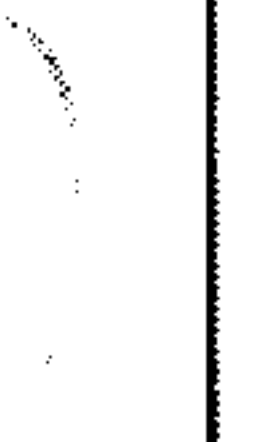


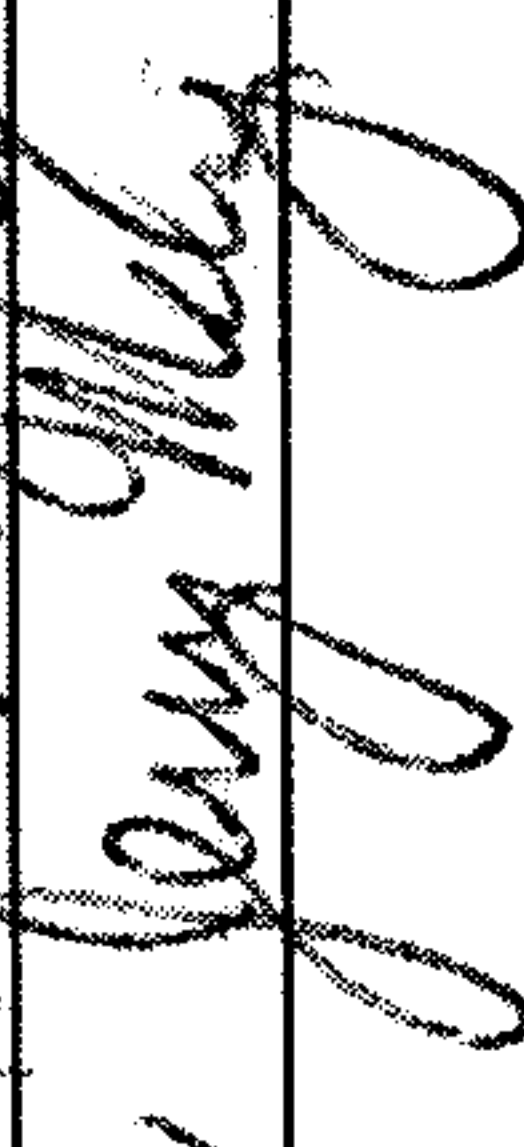
Please enter this Petition into the record for Historic Designation of the Wheaton Youth Center for the PB hearing on 11-

14-13 and confirm receipt of this email letter petition. Thank you, Marcie Stickle 301-585-3817



Petition: Wheaton Youth Center

We the Undersigned Support Historic Designation, and Continued Use, or Incorporation into New Development! Nov. 3, 2013

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