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Regarding the Proposed Addition of The Sarah Loughborough Brown House, 5004 River Road to the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*  September 24, 2003

Gwen Wright
Historic Preservation
Maryland National Capital Park &
Planning Commission]
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re:

Francis C. Brown House

5004 River Road

Dear Ms Wright:

I hereby request a deferral of the Public Hearing before the Montgomery County Planning Board scheduled for Thursday September 25, 2003. I understand that the rescheduled Hearing will probably be toward the end of October.

I understand this hearing was scheduled in response to a demolition permit I have filed with the Department of Permitting Services. Please be advised that I will take no action further action in connection with the release of this permit until the historic designation has been decided.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely

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cc. Witmer Associates

From:

Michael.O.Hill@marsh.com

Sent:

Tuesday, October 07, 2003 2:10 PM

To:

Cavicchi, Clare

Subject:

Re: Sarah L. Brown House, 5004 River Road



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Clare,

I'll be out of town 10/23, but hope that won't detract from your impression of my interest here. This is very important to me. I'm also concerned by a sense (perhaps inaccurately) that, at least once, the date has changed to accommodate the developer. It is easier for a highly financially-motivated developer to accommodate date changes than can a large group of interested citizens, and so date changing is, I think, a common tactic by developers in circumstances like this. Please don't let that disadvantage the concerned neighbors.

Thanks for the update,

Mike

<<< Memo from Clare.Cavicchi@mncppc-mc.org@Internet on 07 October, 2003,
13:30 Tuesday >>>

Clare.Cavicchi@mncppc-mc.org@Internet on 7 Oct 2003, 13:30 Tuesday

To: Clare Cavicchi; AngellDF; pdunkelberger; evie; LevericG (more below)

cc:

Subject:

Sarah L. Brown House, 5004 River Road

Dear Interested Parties,

There has been a change of date for the Planning Board review of the Sarah Loughborough Brown House. It will be Thursday, October 23. The agenda is posted in advance at <a href="http://www.mc-mncppc.org">http://www.mc-mncppc.org</a>, usually the Friday afternoon before the meeting.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Clare

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----Original Message----From: Cavicchi, Clare

From:

LindJor@aol.com

Sent: To: Wednesday, September 24, 2003 3:28 PM

Cavicchi, Clare

Subject:

5004 River Road--correction

CORRECTION: An incorrect draft was sent to you at @2:50.59 PM.

The first paragraph should read: I am writing in support of giving a historic designation to 5004 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20816 (Sara L. Brown house), the dower house for "Milton" on Allandale Road, Bethesda, MD which is on the historic register.

Greenacres should read "Green Acres.

Linda Jordan 5320 Yorktown Road Bethesda, MD 20816-2844 301/654/1487 (home); 202/273/3941 (office)

From:

LindJor@aol.com

Sent:

Wednesday, September 24, 2003 2:51 PM

To:

Cavicchi, Clare

Subject: 5004 River Road

I am writing in support of placing 5004 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20816 (Sara L. Brown house, the dower house for "Milton" the historically-designated house on Allandale Road, Bethesda, MD).

Because of the historic nature of the grounds, its distinctive architecture, and its association with the Loughborough family and estate, I feel that it deserves Montgomery County's respect and preservation.

I have been a resident of Greenacres since 1967 and have fully appreciated the grace it and Milton have bestowed on our neighborhood.

Thank you for the time and effort you have expended on the Greenacres citizens' movement to preserve this unique home.

Linda Jordan 5320 Yorktown Road Bethesda, MD 20816-2844 301/654/1587 (home); 202/273/3941 (office)

From: AngelIDF@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2003 4:41 PM

To: Cavicchi, Clare

Subject: Sara L. Brown House, 5004 River Road

Dear Ms. Cavicchi: as a resident of the Green Acres neighborhood, I've been invited to write to you in support of the proposal to preserve the subject house and its associated historical and geographical features. As an adjacent property owner (of the property bordering the SW corner of the former Riviere parcel), I understand that the original structure of my own house--built in 1860 or 1870--is also part of the early history of this portion of Montgomery County. I would like to touch on two points: the quality of this neighborhood's support for saving the Sara L. Brown house, and the role this preservation might play in the ongoing life of this neighborhood.

When I first saw the surveyor's plat plan for the proposed subdivision, my heart sank: it was obvious that the required acreage for four new houses was there, so I assumed that the loss of the Brown house was a fait accompli. It has been quite amazing to see the spontaneous expression of neighborhood support for saving the house--not for antidevelopment reasons but rather for the preservation of a unique portion of the County's early history. Before I had any notion that such preservation was a possibility, I had both familiar neighbors and perfect strangers knocking on my door to ask what I knew and what they could do to help. Each one of these, and each of the other neighbors I've spoken with, has emphasized their enjoyment of this small corner of mid-19th to early 20th century architecture, geography, and relatively uncrowded atmosphere. And each one has noted that having even a small remnant of the past in their environs has helped them endure in the hectic, crowded lives they and all of us live these days.

Secondly, I wish to add my point of view as a social anthropologist. One of my areas of professional interest has been neighborhoods--what binds them together as healthy units, and what tends to tear them apart. Many of us have felt that this neighborhood has approached a 'tipping point' where further development density and vehicular traffic would spoil its heretofore quiet, safe, unpretentious, friendly, family- and school-focused atmosphere. I hope it will be possible to preserve this unique portion of the neighborhood and, over time, to document what such historic properties and areas--even in the midst of inevitable upgrading and new development--can add to the character and life of a neighborhood.

I have read David Scribner's submission with interest and admiration. I want to register my support for his efforts-both toward historical preservation and toward greater neighborhood coherence and collaboration. Especially since 9/11/2001, we have all been hearing how vital the collective, neighborhood dimension of our lives is--or needs to be. It seems to me that this effort is a demonstration of that central human value.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Angell, Ph.D. (Anthropology)
Dorothy Angell Rutherford
5009 Greenway Drive
Bethesda, MD 20816
301.654.9345 (home office; 24/7 voicemail)

From: Peter Dunkelberger

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2003 3:49 PM

To: Cavicchi, Clare

Subject: Re: Sara Brown (aka Rivere) House - 5004 River Rd. Bethesda

Clare L. Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner County-wide Planning Division Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Cavichhi:

I live at the end of Allandale Road next door to the Loughborough (Milton) h ouse and very close to the Sara Brown House. I have lived in this neighborhood for 32 years and have enjoyed the quiet streets, neighbors, and the history of the area. The Loughborough House has been a source of pleasure for many in the neighborhood, and I strongly feel that the Sara Brown House should be a part of that also. It is my understanding that the Sara Brown House is a prime example of the "Swedish gambrel-roofed" houses that were built early in the history of the State of Maryland and Montgomery County. In addition, it was a part of the original Loughborough tract and was built for a granddaughter as a wedding present. Preservation of such history is an import ant community function and helps to maintain the integrity of a neighborhood, in addition to serving as a model of historic architectural style. Maintaining the grounds and the serenity of the area as an historic structure is key to continuing the thread of the history of the State, the County and the neighborhood.

I advocate preservation of the Brown House instead of the current proposal for maximum development of the property.

Please convey my concerns to the other me mbers of the Evaluation Committee as they discuss the preservation of the Sara Brow n House. I plan to attend the Evaluation Hearing on 9/24 to support the preservati on of this house and to oppose any plan for its demolition.

Thanks in advance for you consideration o f this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Dunkelberger

Bethesda, MD 20816

From: Leverich, Gabriele (NIH/NIMH) [LevericG@INTRA.NIMH.nih.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 5:36 PM

To: Cavicchi, Clare

Cc: 'davidscribener@yahoo.com'; 'gsl.sap@verizon.net'; Dunkelberger, Evelyn (NIH/NCI)

Subject: The old Loughborough/ Brown House

To:
Clare L. Cavicchi
Historic Preservation Planner
County-wide Planning Division
Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning
1109 Spring Street, Suite 801
Silver Spring, MD 20910

September 22, 2003

Dear Ms. Cavicchi,

This letter is written in support of putting the old Loughborough/Brown House at 5004 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20816 on the list of houses designated for historic preservation. The house is closely connected to the old Loughbourough Place on Allandale Road, Bethesda, MD (in view from my house in the same Greenacres subdivision) and forms an integral part of the history of the old Loughborough Place and Maryland's history as well as the history of this County. Although the house currently requires some restoration, it is a very rare example in the County of the Swedish-gambrel roofed houses that were built as part of the earliest wave of the Colonial Revival tradition. Thus from a historic and architectural perspective, this house should be saved from being destroyed in favor of 4 new modern houses which additionally and most certainly would bring with it the destruction of the lovely old trees on the property; we already have enough modern developments in the County and need to treasure the heritage left for us to cherish rather than to erase. The house most certainly can be restored and preserved to form a lovely residence again for owners who appreciate its historical and architechtural significance.

Thus I urge you as a long-time resident of this community to preserve the Loughboro/Brown House as a reminder of Maryland's history for the next generations to come. Otherwise, precious little will be left for them to learn from and remind them of Maryland's important history.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this appeal,

Sincerely,

Gabriele S. Leverich 5317 Allandale Road Bethesda, MD 20816 301-652-4782

From: Sent: Jean Denney [jdenney@american.edu] Monday, September 22, 2003 4:03 PM

To: Subject: Cavicchi, Clare 5004 River Road

I am very happy to learn we might get historical protection for the beautiful property at 5004 River Road.

This house has been a landmark and wonderful part of Green Acres for years. The Revere's took exceptional care of the house and grounds and the openess adds much to the neighborhood, and reminds everyone of "byegone days"

The old stone wall next to the driveway is a wonderful historical example and the interior of the house has the graciousness of a "southern plantation"

The Loughboro family is part of Maryland history and this house should be kept, simply for its connection with the family.

Thank you for taking the time to study the property.

Jean Denney 5322 Wakefield Rd Bethesda MD 20816

From:

Michael.O.Hill@marsh.com

Sent:

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 4:59 PM

To:

Cavicchi, Clare

Subject:

5004 River Road - Sara L. Brown House

#### Dear Ms. Cavichhi:

I live (and for the past 9 years have lived) within a few hundred yards of the Sara Brown house at 5004 River Road (aka the Rivere House) and believe strongly that it should be preserved.

I am out of town on business on Sept. 24 and therefore will be unable to attend the Evaluation Hearing that I understand is scheduled for it, but hope that this e-mail will serve as a letter of endorsement to keeping the house and opposing any plan to raze the house and/or subdivide the lot.

Thank you very much.

Michael O. Hill 4922 Dorset Avenue Chevy Chase, MD 2085 301/656-8887

#### To:

Clare L. Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner

County-wide Planning Division

Montgomery County Department

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Dunkelberger, Evelyn (NIH/NCI)

Sent:

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 5:36 PM

To:

Cavicchi, Clare

Subject:

Sara Brown (aka Rivere) House - 5004 River Rd. Bethesda

Dear Ms. Cavichhi,

I live (and for the past 30 years have lived) very near the Sara Brown house at 5004 River Road. Currently I live in the property adjacent to the original Loughborough (aka Milton) house on Allandale Road. I believe strongly that the Sara Brown house should be preserved.

I will attend the Evaluation Hearing on 9/24 to support the preservation of this house and to oppose any plan to demolish this unique house.

My son just returned to the US from almost eight months in Iraq. He is now on a special mission, but before he left this Monday he requested I add his name to any request to save the integrity of this historical building. The Sara Brown house and our next-door neighbor, the Milton House, have been important influences in Eaton's interest in history, which he studied at Stanford University. Over the years I have lived in Green Acres, I have shown these two historical houses to numerous Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups.

The Sara Brown House deserves to remain as an historical testament for Eaton's future children and grandchildren.

Please share my concerns with the other members of the Evaluation Committee for the Sara Brown house on River Rd. Thank you for your consideration.

#### Evelyn Eaton Dunkelberger

Bethesda, MD 20816-2802

To: Clare L. Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner County-wide Planning Division Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801 Silver Spring, MD 20910

construction; c) Possesses high artistic values. The house has tremendous workmanship because it is one of the finest early Colonial Revival gambrel-roofed structures in the significance; a) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of type, period or method or and integrity. In addition, we believe the house meets National Register Criterion C because it's a premiere example of Swedish-variant of a Dutch Colonial house and County.

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## -Petition to Save The Sara L. Brown House 5004 River Road

We believe that 5004 River Road qualifies for inclusion on the Master Plan for historic preservation based on the criteria set forth in Section 24-3(b) of the Montgomery County Code. Specifically, the structure meets Criterion 24A-3 (b) (2) Architectural and Design significance; a) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction; c) Possesses high artistic values. The house has tremendous workmanship and integrity. In addition, we believe the house meets National Register Criterion C because it's a premiere example of Swedish-variant of a Dutch Colonial house and because it is one of the finest early Colonial Revival gambrel-roofed structures in the County.

Please write your name and address and sign below to signify your support. Signature Address Name 5327 Wakefield Rd. Swati Parikh 5327 Wakfuld Rd. Lotus Ryan 5200 VENTNOR RD 5318 Ventnor Rd 53/2 Watefield Rd. 5310 Yorktown Rd

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