

Manarolla, Kevin

From: Whipple, Scott
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To: Youla, Sandra; Kelly, Clare; Manarolla, Kevin
Subject: FW: Etchison

More testimony for the record.

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Historic Preservation Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Etchison

After attending and testifying on behalf of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church in Etchison on January 12, 2010, I wanted to follow up with this letter.

At the hearing, it was announced that there are three options for Etchison. My husband and I strongly recommend that Option 3 be considered. This would be a reasonable option since the buildings in that area (store, motorcycle shop, and several houses truly are historic).

Please do not include all the 50s and 60s homes in a "historic district".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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February 15, 2010

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Re: Supplement to January 11, 2010, Response to *Staff Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Upper Patuxent Area Resources and Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form Inventory No. 15-29*
(1) Designation of Resource 15/29 Etchison Historic District ("District") on *Master Plan for Historic Preservation ("Master Plan")*
(2) Designation of Option 3 on *Master Plan*

Dear Ms. Youla:

As the property owners of 24200 Laytonsville Road within the District, we write this letter to supplement our January 11, 2010, letter to you urging the Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC") *not* to designate the District on the *Master Plan*.

HPC Should *Not* Designate District on *Master Plan*.

We agree with David S. Rotenstein's January 18, 2010, memorandum to the HPC urging the HPC *not* to designate the District on the *Master Plan*. In particular, Mr. Rotenstein notes:

The recommendations contained in the designation documents to [sic] not appear to be consistent with Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. Etchison is a rural unincorporated hamlet with a population of many buildings that individually lack distinction and are historically and architecturally unremarkable. Notably lacking from the staff narratives defending the proposed Etchison Historic District's significance are the many academic and public-sector reports, articles, and monographs that attempt to deal with the difficult issue of evaluating the significance of rural hamlet. [footnote omitted] Etchison does not appear to represent a "significant *and* [emphasis original] distinguishable entity" as required to meet Chapter 24A-3. Although distinguishable as a hamlet, the cluster of buildings, structures, and landscape elements does not appear to merit designation.

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Ms. Youla

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The designation documents emphasize Etchison's history as a "kinship community" as a key factor in evaluating the property's significance. Although the documents include a fair amount of genealogical and anecdotal data, there is little analysis of the development of kinship networks and land tenure beyond the descriptive data presented in the documents. Staff elected to cite the differences in architectural styles used by different families in Etchison as a major basis for historical significance. This phenomenon is not unique to Montgomery County and there are a number of explanations – none of which were explored in the designation documents – including socioeconomic status.

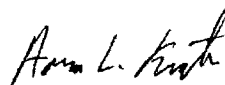
For the above reasons and the reasons in our January 11, 2010, letter to you, the HPC should *not* designate the District on the *Master Plan*.

Option 3 is Best Option.

In the event that the HPC decides to designate some of Etchison's properties on the *Master Plan*, it should designate Option 3, which includes only those properties that form the core of historical Etchison. The remaining properties, including 24200 Laytonsville Road, add little to the historical value of Etchison and therefore should not be burdened by historical designation.

In particular, for the reasons in our January 11, 2010, letter to you, 24200 Laytonsville Road has not retained any historical or architectural significance. Therefore, the property has not retained enough integrity to qualify as a District-level resource and should be excluded from the District.

Sincerely,



Aaron L. Kimber



Mary Clare H. Kimber

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Additional testimony for the record.

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

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WE ARE IN FAVOR OF OPTION 3 ONLY. PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE TESTMONIES
THAT WERE GIVEN AT THE LAST HEARING.

WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THIS AREA. HOWEVER,
WE FEEL THAT WE COULD LIVE WITH OPTION 3.

PLEASE TAKE OUR COMMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU VOTE.

GEORGE AND CAROLYN LECHLIDER