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Landmark Designation of the Community Health Center at Parole

Staff Report

The purpose of this legislation is for the City Council to accept and approve the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to designate the Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. (CHCP) as a landmark.

The CHCP submitted a request for Determination of Eligibility for Landmarking to the HPC. The HPC is authorized, after making a full and proper study, to recommend to the City Council that the CHCP, located within the City limits, be designated as a landmark pursuant to City Code, Section 21.56.030C.

A determination of eligibility for landmarking requires that the resource, in this instance, the CHCP, must meet one of the four criteria for designation as set forth in the standardized system for determining historical significance, established by the United States Department of the Interior's National Park Service. To that end, the HPC evaluated the attributes of the CHCP using seven aspects of integrity (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association). The HPC found that the CHCP meets local landmark criteria by being associated with the broad patterns of Annapolis history; specifically for its contribution to improving health care services for the African-American community, both during its historic period when quality health care for African-American women and children was lacking and more recently as it expanded the facility and services to meet the needs of a growing community of Latino families. The CHCP also meets the local landmark criteria by being associated with the lives of significant persons in the history of Annapolis, which include Walter S. Mills, Reverend John T. Chambers Sr., James Marchand and France America Pindell.

On September 22, 2016, the members of the HPC voted unanimously that the CHCP fulfills the criteria to be designated as a local historic landmark and, shortly thereafter, forwarded that recommendation to the City Council.

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