EXPEDITED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 15120 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown  Meeting Date: 7/14/2021
Resource: Darnestown Presbyterian Church  Report Date: 7/7/2021
Master Plan Site #24/19-1
Applicant: Darnestown Presbyterian Church  Public Notice: 6/30/3021
(David McClung, Agent)
Review: HAWP  Tax Credit: N/A
Permit Number: 958209  Staff: Michael Kyne

PROPOSAL: Installation of a flagpole

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
[ ] Approve
[✓] Approve with conditions

1. If in excavating for the flagpole foundation, evidence is found indicating that a grave is present, work should stop, and another location should be selected for the flagpole.

2. The proposed flagpole will not be lighted.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION
SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site
STYLE: Greek Revival w/ Gothic & Shingle Style influences
DATE: 1856 w/ c. 1897 & c. 1953 Additions
Fig. 1: Subject property, with approximate flagpole location marked by the blue star.

PROPOSAL

The applicants propose to install a 25’ high, 4” diameter flagpole in the cemetery at the south side of the property. The proposed flagpole will be placed in a vacant grave plot. The pole foundation will not exceed the dimensions available in the vacant plot, and it will not impact adjacent graves.

On July 3, staff received correspondence from a neighbor expressing concerns regarding lighting of the flagpole. Staff reached out to the applicants on July 6, and they confirmed that no lighting is proposed. Staff has added a condition of approval, so that it is on record that no lighting is to be installed.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

IV. The Expedited Staff Report format may be used on the following type of cases:

3. Modifications to a property, which do not significantly alter its visual character.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

(b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

(1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or

(2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or

(3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or

(4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
(5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or

(6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.

(c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.

Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as “the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.” The applicable Standards are as follows:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with the two (2) conditions specified on Page 1 the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b) (1) and (2), having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible with the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #2;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff’s discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make any alterations to the approved plans.

Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

APPLICANT:

Name: Darnestown Presbyterian Church
Address: 15120 Turkey Foot Road
Daytime Phone: 301-948-9127

E-mail: dpcchurch@comcast.net
City: Darnestown
Zip: 20878
Tax Account No.: 06-03815022

AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: David McClung
Address: 15120 Turkey Foot Rd
Daytime Phone: 301-351-7824

E-mail: devemcclung@gmail.com
City: Darnestown
Zip: 20878
Contractor Registration No.: ____________

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property ______
Parcel (lot / Tax Map ES 2) L 3037 F 234 P 12534

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? [ ] Yes / [ ] No
District Name ____________________________

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

[ ] Yes / [ ] No

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.)? If YES, include Information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: __________ Street: ___________________________

Town/City: __________________________ Nearest Cross Street: ________________

Lot: ______ Block: ______ Subdivision: _____ Parcel: ______

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

[ ] New Construction [ ] Deck/Porch [ ] Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure
[ ] Addition [ ] Fence [ ] Solar
[ ] Demolition [ ] Hardscape/Landscape [ ] Tree removal/planting
[ ] Grading/Excavation [ ] Roof [ ] Window/Door
[ ] Other: Flag Pole ____________________________

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct and accurate and that the construction will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

_________________________ _______________________
Signature of owner or authorized agent Date
Comments
This is for Darnestown Presbyterian Church - full name is not showing up in the basic information above.

Affidavit Acknowledgement
The Homeowner is the Primary applicant
This application does not violate any covenants and deed restrictions

Primary Applicant Information
Address: 15120 TURKEY FOOT RD
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878
Other Contact: Kurzjian
Homeowner: Darnestown (Primary)

Historic Area Work Permit Details
Work Type: ADD
Scope of Work: Installation of a flagpole in cemetery.
STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY HAWP APPLICATION
Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Description of Existing Structures and the Environmental Setting

The Subject Property is known as the Darnestown Presbyterian Church ("DPC") Cemetery, located at 15120 Turkey Foot Road in Darnestown, MD. The Subject Property is approximately 9.7 acres in size, and located at the intersection of Turkey Foot Road and Darnestown Road (Kt. 28) in the heart of Darnestown, MD.

DPC was listed on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation as an individual resource in 1985 ("the Historic Designation"), site #24/19-1. The Historic Designation includes the main church structure, and the remainder of the Subject Property as part of the environmental setting, inclusive of two adjoining buildings, known as the Andrew Small Building, and the Manse.

The Historic Designation focused on criteria 1A, 1D, 2A and 2E, as set forth in Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, and restated herein:

Criteria 1: Historical and cultural significance. The historic resource:
   (a): has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
   (d): Exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

Criteria 2: Architectural and design significance. The historic resource:
   (a): Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
   (e): Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

The cornerstone of the original Greek Revival Darnestown Presbyterian Church structure is believed to have been laid in 1856. In 1897, the church parlor and bell tower were added to the front of the building, giving it a Victorian Gothic Revival appearance, with touches of Stick Style and Queen Anne also apparent in the robust tower element. In 1953, a chancel and classroom addition was constructed south and east of the original building, and the interiors of the original church were completely renovated.

In addition to the structures, the property includes a cemetery as noted on the attached survey. The cemetery has 3,625 graves, and 1,464 occupied gravesites on about 5 acres of property.

Description of the Project

1. Installation of 25’ Aluminum 4” diameter flagpole at the “turn around” in middle of cemetery as noted on the attached maps. We have some 96 veterans buried in our cemetery and we wish to honor their sacrifice and service on special occasions: Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Wreaths Across America Day, and the burial of veterans in the future. These flag raisings would be coordinated with our local Scout Troop, and current veterans. The location is Plot 139, which is unsold and unoccupied.
   This flagpole has a wind rating of 88 mph, which should be adequate for our limited usage.
Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery HAWK Attachments
Installation of Flagpole

1. Photo of Flagpole and Diagram
2. Survey of Property with Location of Flag Pole
3. Diagram of Cemetery with Plot location
4. Photo of location site
5. Addresses of Adjoining and Confronting Property Owners
### Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery HAWK

#### Addresses of Adjoining and Confronting Property Owners

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