

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

November 17, 2008

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

**Eliza Voigt, Planner**

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

**Eliza Voigt, Planner**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

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|          | Presentation                   |
|          | Proclamation/Certificate       |
|          | Appointment                    |
|          | Public Hearing                 |
| <b>x</b> | Historic District Commission   |
|          | Consent Item                   |
|          | Ordinance                      |
|          | Resolution                     |
|          | Policy Discussion              |
|          | Work Session Discussion Item   |
| <b>x</b> | Other: Certificate of Approval |

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

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| Record Held Open  |  |
| Policy Discussion |  |

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| <b>TITLE:</b>   |
| <b>Historic District Commission<br/>Certificate of Approval<br/>HAWP-106A</b> Applicant: Pete Geiling, for the City of Gaithersburg, 100 DeSillum Avenue, Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory Park Enhancements |

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| <b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>  |
| <p>The Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory is a local historically designated site, a National Register site, and the City's only National Landmark site. The Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) holds an easement on the Observatory property. A design concept for the Observatory Park has previously been reviewed (most recently in 2005) by the MHT, HDC and HPAC. With the receipt of funding from a State Community Park and Playgrounds grant, the park plans have been re-initiated. On July 8, 2008, HPAC received a preliminary consultation on revised Observatory Park enhancements. The proposed improvements incorporate MHT's previous comments and provide a more subtle approach which emphasizes the importance of the Observatory and Meridian Pier. The new design was presented to the MHT Easement Committee in August 2008. The attached August 14, 2008, letter (Exhibit 7) outlines the MHT conditional approval.</p> <p>At their meeting of November 6, 2008, the HPAC held a public hearing on the park design. The HPAC unanimously recommended approval of HAWP 106A finding the proposed changes in compliance with the Secretary of Interior's Standard Nine, which states: "New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."</p> <p>Based on the August 14, 2008 letter (Exhibit 7), Staff recommends that the following condition shall apply:</p> <p>1. Applicant shall meet the conditions stated by J. Rodney Little, Director, Maryland Historic Trust, in the letter dated August 14, 2008 to Mayor Sidney A. Katz.</p> <p>Staff and the HPAC recommend the HDC make the following motion:</p> <p><b>Grant approval of HAWP 106A with one condition as stated in the staff report and issue the Certificate of Approval, finding based on the record before HPAC and for the reasons articulated by HPAC, that the application meets the Secretary of Interior's Standard Nine.</b></p> |

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| <b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>  |
| <b>Vote to approve with condition or deny the issuance of the Certificate of Approval.</b> |

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## STAFF COMMENTS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Meeting Date:** November 6, 2008

**Title:** HAWP – 106A

**Request:** Creation of a Park at the Gaithersburg Observatory

**Address:** 100 DeSillum Avenue

**District:** Observatory Heights

**Applicant:** City of Gaithersburg

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### **Background**

Constructed in 1899, the Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory is both a National Register Site (designated 1985) and a National Landmark (designated in 1990). One of only six observatories in the world built to measure variations in latitude caused by the earth's wobble on its polar axis. It is located on 2.3 acres. HPAC held a preliminary consultation on this project in July. The City has received a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the park improvements.

### **Discussion of the proposed project**

Development of the property into an interpretive "pocket" park which includes:

- Brick" pathways with highlighted center "bricks" on latitude line, and around observatory and Meridian Pier;
- New fence around Observatory and Meridian Pier (will deter vandalism of these historic features, and will be aesthetically pleasing);
- Crushed stone path that "wobbles" around property;
- Garden area with representative plants from other sites and native Maryland species;
- Information kiosks providing information about the site; and
- Benches, or other aesthetically pleasing seating.

### **Compliance with Guidelines**

As the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) has an easement on the property, the City presented the proposed park improvements to the MHT Easement Committee at their August 2008 meeting. A letter of conditional approval from MHT is included in your packets.

HPAC Public Hearing – November 6, 2008  
HDC Review – November 17, 2008

**INDEX OF MEMORANDA  
HAWP-106A**

**Applicant: City of Gaithersburg  
100 DeSellum Avenue  
Park Enhancements**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>  |
|---------------|---|
| 1.            | Application   |
| 2.            | Location Map  |
| 3.            | Site Plan June 27, 2008   |
| 4.            | Details August 15, 2005   |
| 5.            | Design Narrative August 5, 2008   |
| 6.            | Letter to the Maryland Historic Trust from Richard Arkin, July 11, 2008                               |
| 7.            | Letter to Mayor Katz from the Maryland Historic Trust, August 14, 2008                                |
| 8.            | Letter to Mayor Katz from the Director of Program Open Space Grants,<br>October 16, 2008              |
| 9.            | Notice to include legal ad for public hearing in the October 29, 2008,<br><i>Gaithersburg Gazette</i> |
| 10.           | Public hearing notice, sent out October 27, 2008, to the required parties                             |
| 11.           | Mailing List  |
| 12.           | By Reference: Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66B, Historic Resources                             |
| 13.           | By Reference: Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation                                      |
| 14.           | By Reference: HD-14 Designation Documents   |
| 15.           | By Reference: Qualifications of HPAC, HDC, and staff  |
| 16.           | By Reference: Historic Preservation Ordinance   |

# HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

In accordance with Chapter 24, Article XII of the City Code.

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Application Number    | <del>1106A</del> 106A       |
| Date Filed            | 8/26/08 - refiled 10/20/08  |
| Application Completed | <del>8/26/08</del> 10/20/08 |
| HPAC Hearing/Review   | <del>8/26/08</del> 11/6/08  |
| HDC Hearing/Review    | <del>8/26/08</del> 11/17/08 |
| Decision              | _____                       |
| Date of Decision      | _____                       |

**1. SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Address 100 DE SELWYN AVENUE  
 Lot P539 Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision Observatory Heights Addition  
 Tax Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. APPLICANT/OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT**

Name Pete GELING Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address City of Gaithersburg

**3. OWNER OF RECORD (IF NOT APPLICANT)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

**2. TYPE OF WORK (CHECK APPROPRIATE)**

- Visible from public way
- Not visible from public way
  
- Fence
- Signage
- Parking
- Landscape
  
- Windows
- Siding
- Roofing
- Accessory Building
  
- Additions
- Relocation
- Restoration
- Demolition
  
- New Construction
- In-kind Replacement
- Utilities (meters, cables, etc.)
- Miscellaneous

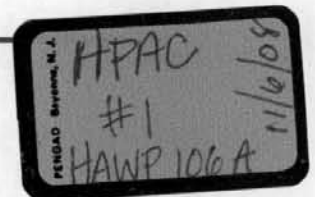
**4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK**

Creation of a park to enhance the historical interpretation of the Observatory structure.

**5. HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT PROCESS AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGES 2-7)**

I have read and understand the attached information regarding process and requirements in obtaining a Historic Area Work Permit.

Signature [Signature] Date 8/26/08



# 100 DeSellum Avenue

Observatory Park - HAWP 106A



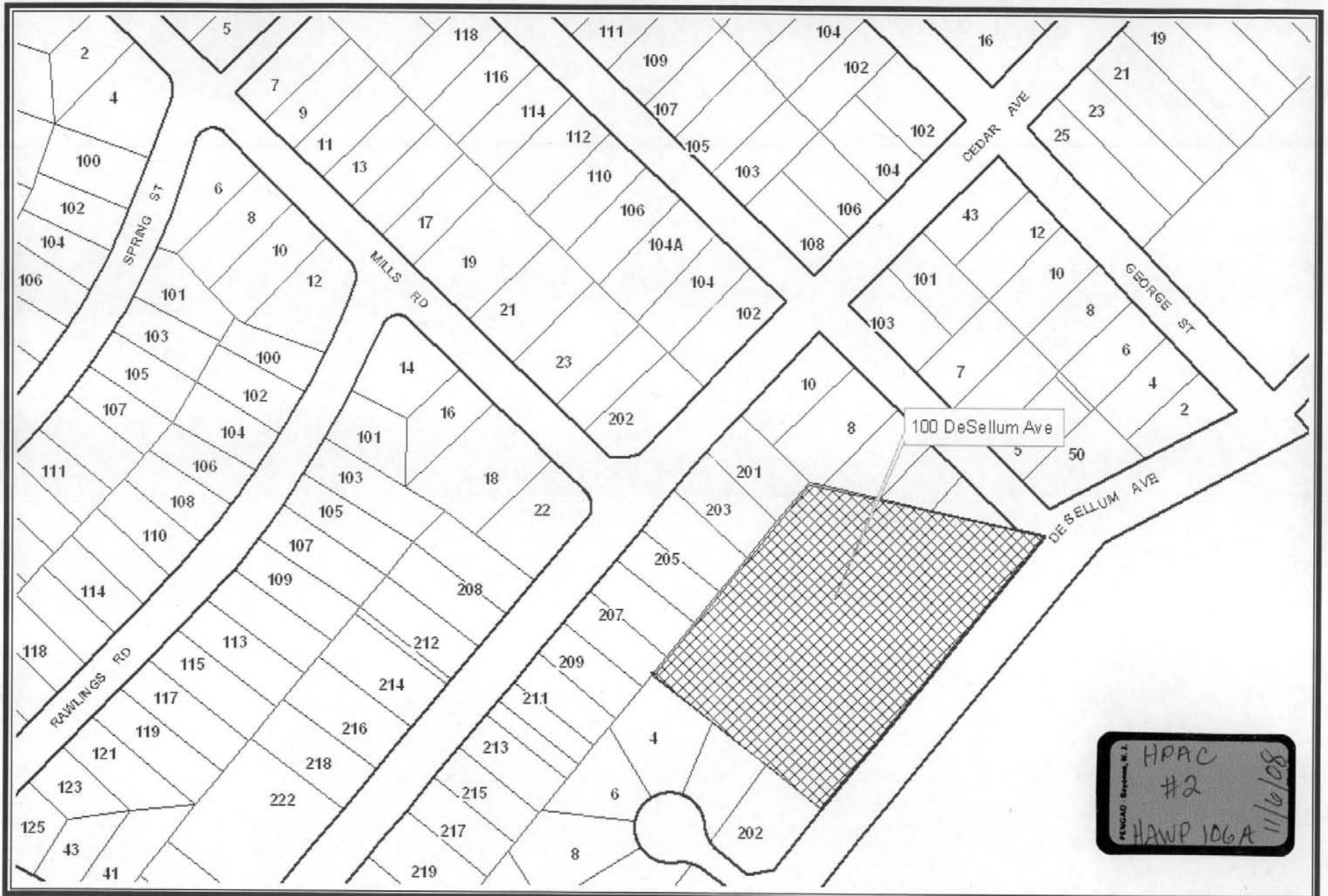
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HPGN NAD 83/91

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HPAC  
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HAWP 106A  
11/6/08



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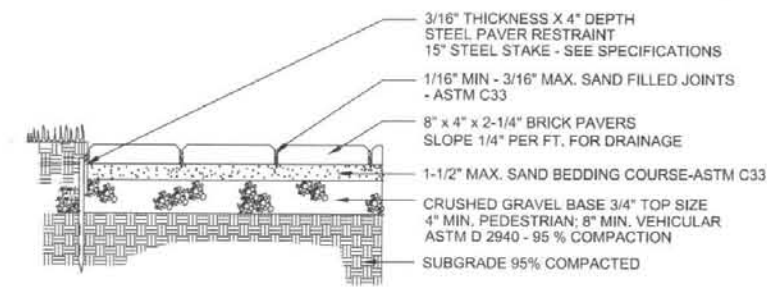
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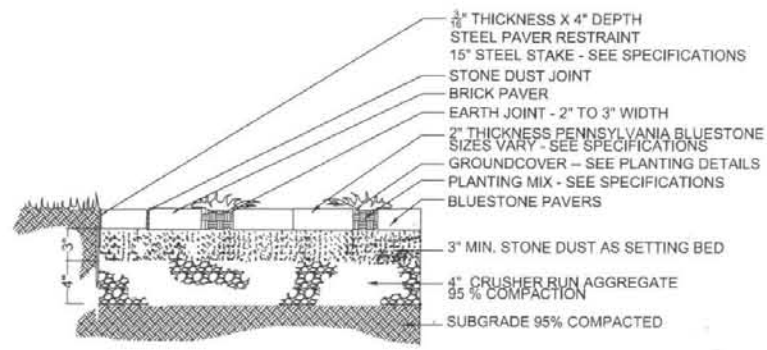
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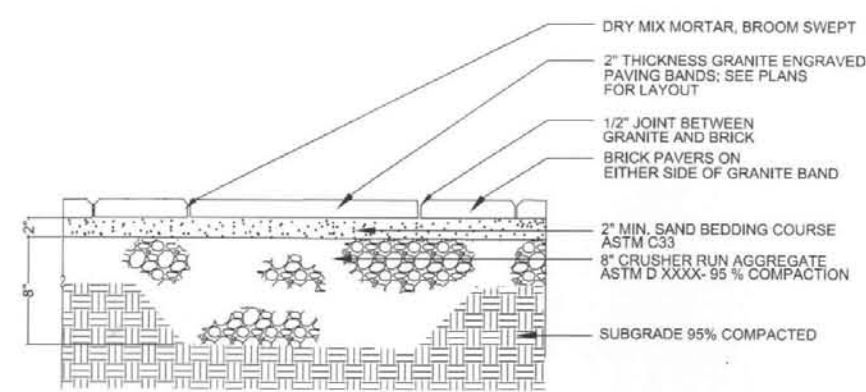
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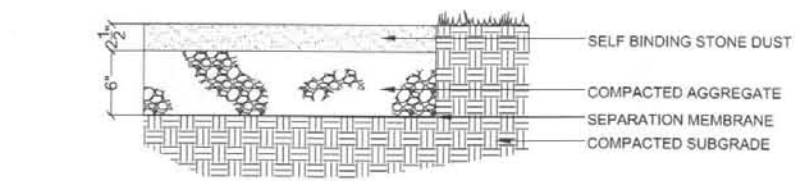
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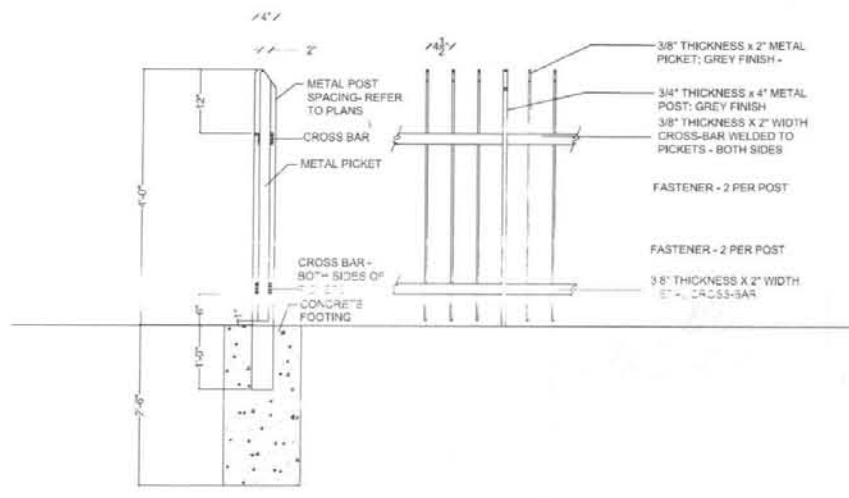


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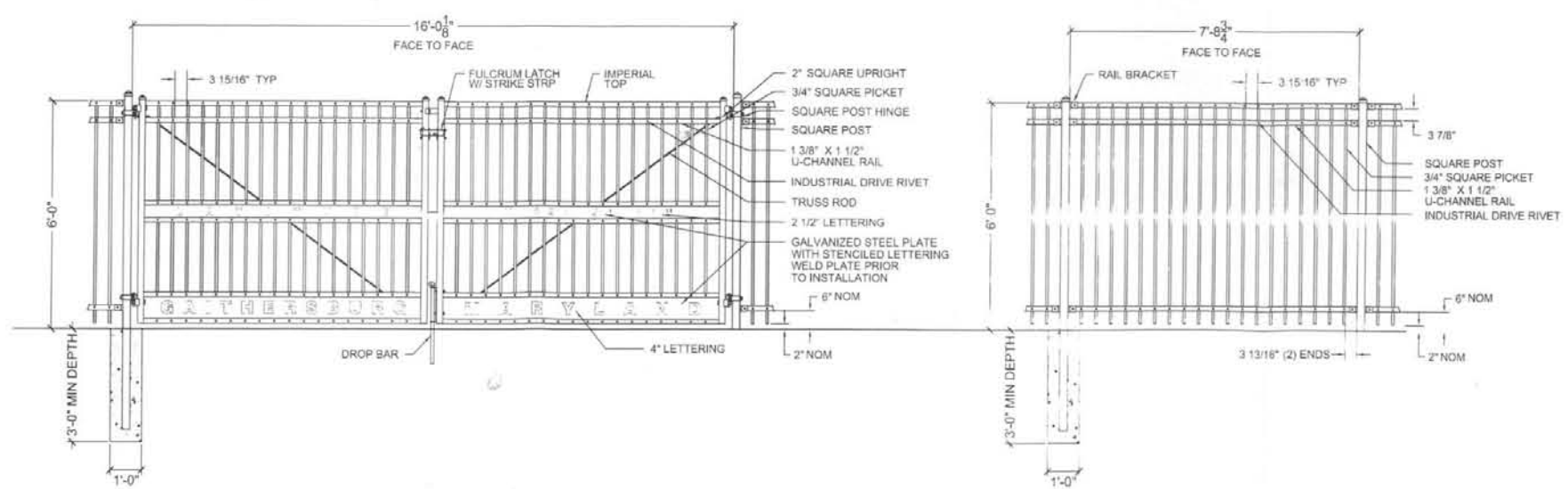
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FENCE AT OBSERVATORY  
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BRICK GARDEN EDGE  
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METAL SWING GATE  
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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG  
LATITUDE OBSERVATORY PARK  
100 DESELUM AVENUE  
GAITHERSBURG MARYLAND

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Date:  
AUGUST 15, 2005

Sheet Title:  
**DETAILS**

Project No:      Sheet No:  
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HPAC  
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HAWP 106A  
11/6/05

# The RKtects Studio, Inc./ The Kane Group, LLC

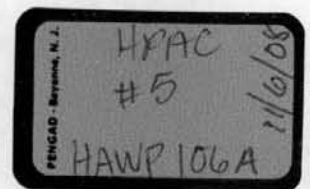
August 5, 2008

## Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory Park Design Narrative

The Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory Park celebrates the historic resources representing the advances in knowledge of polar motion that occurred due to the recordings made from this location from 1898-1914. This park also celebrates Gaithersburg's particular location on earth, through incorporation of many of its native species of flora and fauna.

The park recognizes the parallel of 39 degrees and 08 minutes north latitude by its major entrance and approach to the Observatory structure. The latitude is marked by an earth-toned concrete walkway that welcomes visitors at De Sellum Avenue. The walkway becomes the park's only entrance at De Sellum Avenue. The entrance landing area is also earth-toned concrete and is surrounded by a garden of native plantings. An ornamental painted steel gate will provide security for the site and will be adorned with the National Register of Historic Places plaque. A new, ornamental fence will replace the existing chain link fence along De Sellum Avenue. The current landscaping will be pruned and invasive trees and plantings will be removed.

Along the walkway, five granite bands mark the names, longitude, and elevations of the other cities where the observatories of the 39<sup>th</sup> parallel were located: Cincinnati Ohio; Ukia, California; Mizusawa, Japan; Charjui, Turketsan; and Carolforte, Sardinia. The walkway travels across the Observatory lawn and a large, elliptical expanse of grass that alludes to the elliptical orbit of the planets around the sun. Within this great expanse of lawn, defined by a single row of London Plane trees and a few sitting benches, sits the diminutive Observatory structure, a mere 13 feet on a side. The Observatory lawn is also unique in that it contains large swaths of open meadow areas to attract butterflies, and birds of the region, including the state's own Baltimore checkerspot butterfly, and the zebra swallowtail, through incorporating plants that host their caterpillars. The mown lawn areas define the edge of this meadow. All existing asphalt and concrete driveways will be removed.





July 11, 2008

Ms. Elizabeth Schminke  
Easement Program Administrator  
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Historical and Cultural Programs  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

Dear Ms. Schminke:

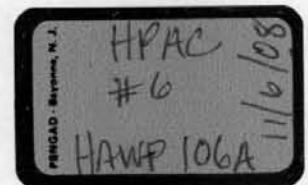
In accordance with the easement agreement between the City of Gaithersburg and the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT), plans for Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory Park project are being submitted for MHT's review and approval. As a part of the submittal package, please consider this endorsement from the City of Gaithersburg's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC). At our most recent meeting in July, we were provided with a presentation of the revised plans for the Observatory Park and enthusiastically support the enhancements to the area.

Constructed in 1899, the Observatory is both a National Register Site (designated in 1985) and a National Landmark (designated in 1990). The Observatory is the City's only National Landmark. The site sits on 2.3 acres and is strategically located near a local high school and MD Route 355, a major north-south arterial route. The site is ideal for a passive and historic interpretive park, offering educational opportunities for schools and other interested groups.

As you may know, the concept for this project has been previously reviewed by MHT. The proposed improvements incorporate MHT's previous comments and provide a more subtle approach which emphasizes the importance of the Observatory and Meridian Pier. The new fencing will be both an aesthetic improvement and by enhancing security will deter vandalism of these historic features. In summary, the HPAC feels that the newly created park will truly reflect the integrity of the City's unique historic resource.

Sincerely,

Richard Arkin  
Chairman, Historic Preservation Advisory Committee



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An ornamental metal fence will surround the Observatory. The fence will be approximately 4 feet tall so that it will not interfere with the view of the Observatory, but will provide the needed security for this Landmark structure. Recessed up-lighting will be located on the fence. A small terrace area composed of random cut stone paving will surround the Observatory.

Perpendicular to the Observatory's parallel is the Meridian Mark Pier, the small pagoda-shaped structure used to align the Zenith telescope. The pier is also set in a small terrace area of random cut stone. A four foot high ornamental metal fence will also surround this structure.

A number of plaques located in the park will explain the Observatory's role, its place in the advancement of knowledge of latitude variation, as well as several of the other types of instruments that were used on this site, such as the photographic zenith tube and the Bilby towers, which were eventually relocated elsewhere, but which add to the rich scientific history of the site. The visitor will learn about the scientific advances that occurred due to the consistent and regular actions on this site, and be immersed in the natural setting that is unique to Gaithersburg's position on earth.

Due to current funding considerations, a Phase Two plan has been developed. The Phase Two plan takes into consideration the area continuing along the latitude line past the Observatory. Here, visitors will encounter a subtle path composed of stone dust that runs among the existing large hardwood and evergreen trees, which have been incorporated into forest groves where native species to the Muddy Branch watershed grow. These groves have under story trees, grasses, and shrubs that are native to the woodlands of Maryland, and will serve as an educational area for Gaithersburg residents to learn species unique to the region. Along this walk, as well, visitors will discover the five USGS monuments.



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Maryland Historical Trust

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Secretary

Matthew J. Power  
Deputy Secretary

August 14, 2008

The Honorable Sidney A. Katz  
Mayor of Gaithersburg  
506 South Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877-2325

Re: Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory, Montgomery County  
Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Easement

Dear Mayor Katz:

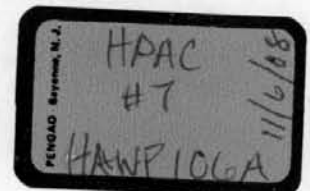
Thank you for your letter of July 17, 2008 in which you request the review and approval of plans to modify the Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory Park. The Maryland Historical Trust Easement Committee (Committee) reviewed the proposal at its meeting on August 7, 2008. In attendance at that meeting were Michelle Potter, Denise Kayser, Gabriel Romero, and Eliza Voigt.

As you may know, the Deed of Easement created February 5, 1990 includes only a portion of the Park and does not permit the construction of new structures. The plans as proposed are inconsistent with the Easement and cannot therefore be considered or approved.

Based upon a preliminary review and the recommendation of the Committee, I will approve of plans dated June 27, 2008 provided that the following conditions are met:

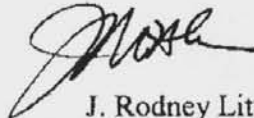
1. Approval of the modification of the easement by the Trust's Board of Trustees to permit the construction of new structures and inclusion of the entire Observatory property and completion of that modification;
2. Removal of the words "Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory" from the gate;
3. Notification of the Trust if any potential artifacts are uncovered during excavation;
4. The proposed sundial must be modified so that it is a clear representation of new construction, not to be confused with original or historic art. Final design is to be reviewed and approved by the Trust; and
5. Submission of information on proposed plaques. Review and approval of design by the Trust.

The Trust is further concerned with the manner in which the Park will meet accessibility requirements. At this time, the plans reflect access from the observatory to the monuments path across grass. The Trust believes that a grass surface may not meet the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and that the City should seek confirmation that the plans are consistent with ADA regulations.



The work as proposed is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, Rehabilitation Standard 9*. When modified plans are available, submit them to the Trust at the address below for review and approval at the next subsequent Committee meeting. This approval is valid for a period of six months from the date of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Elizabeth Schminke, Easement Administrator, at (410) 514-7632/ [bschminke@mdp.state.md.us](mailto:bschminke@mdp.state.md.us).

Sincerely,



J. Rodney Little  
Director  
Maryland Historical Trust

JRL/ESS

cc: Louise Kauffman, City of Gaithersburg  
Denise Kayser, City of Gaithersburg



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**Martin O'Malley, Governor**  
**Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor**  
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October 16, 2008

The Honorable Sidney A. Katz  
Mayor  
City of Gaithersburg  
31 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Dear Mayor Katz:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Public Works has approved your request for Community Parks and Playgrounds funds regarding Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory Park in Montgomery County. A copy of the agenda item is enclosed for your reference.

You may proceed with the project at your earliest opportunity. When the project commences, please have your staff contact the Community Parks and Playgrounds representative with whom they have been working so that arrangements can be made to coordinate reimbursement.

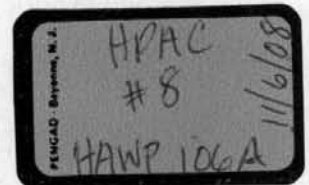
Thank you for your interest in improving the quality of our parks and recreation for the citizens of Maryland. It is a pleasure to be able to provide these funds and to assist you with this important public outdoor recreation project. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other Community Parks and Playgrounds matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 260-8426.

Sincerely,

James W. Price  
Director  
Program Open Space Grants

JWP:mls  
Enclosure

cc: Mary Ellen Venzke  
William Gries  
Peter Geiling



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**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE AGENDA - SUPPLEMENT A**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**October 15, 2008**

**Secretary's Agenda**

Contact: James W. Price  
cprice@dnr.state.md.us  
(410) 260-8426

ITEM 4A

COMMUNITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS INITIATIVE:  
MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2008:

Approval is requested to commit \$304,000.00 for the following **development** projects located in **Montgomery County**. Funding will come from the Community Parks and Playgrounds Initiative's MCCBL proceeds as noted.

1. **Woodley Gardens Park (City of Rockville) - \$160,000.00 - CPP #5434-15-623**  
**MD20080812-0849**

Replace the 17 year old playground equipment at the park. The new playground will provide separate play equipment for children 2-5 and 5-12 years old. Access to the equipment will be improved by the installation of an ADA compliant poured-in-place rubber safety surface.

FUND SOURCE: Program 89.22.42 Item 051 (MCCBL 2008) \$160,000.00

2. **South Germantown Recreation Park - \$44,000.00 - CPP #5427-15-624**  
**MD20080812-0843**

Provide "green space" enhancements to the existing seven acre Adventure Playground. Enhancements will include oak tree plantings from the playground to picnic shelters, herbaceous plants around the maze area, flowering and evergreen trees between the playground and stormwater management pond, and ornamental grasses in the Music of the World area of the park.

FUND SOURCE: Program 89.22.42 Item 051 (MCCBL 2008) \$44,000.00

◆ **Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory Park (City of Gaithersburg)**  
**\$100,000.00 - CPP #5438-15-625 - MD20080812-0842**

Create an interpretive park featuring the Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory, Meridian Pier, and five Coast and Geodetic Survey monuments, one of which is still in use by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Project elements include earthwork, landscaping, fencing, electrical and water service, and site furnishings. The new park will offer a welcoming and attractive landscape that will allow visitors to take full advantage of this unique and historic resource.

FUND SOURCE: Program 89.22.42 Item 051 (MCCBL 2008) \$100,000.00

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Board of Public Works Action: The above referenced item was:

Approved                      Disapproved                      Deferred Withdrawn  
With Discussion                      Without Discussion



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October 24, 2008

Bonnie Geiger  
Law Section  
The Gazette Newspaper  
2-A North Market Street  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Ms. Geiger:

Please publish the following legal advertisement in the **October 29, 2008**, issue of the *Gaithersburg Gazette*.

Sincerely,

Eliza Voigt, Planner  
Planning and Code Administration

ASSIGN CODE: **HAWP-106A** - Acct# 133649

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee of the City of Gaithersburg will conduct a public hearing on HAWP-106A, filed by Pete Geiling, for the City of Gaithersburg, on

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2008  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

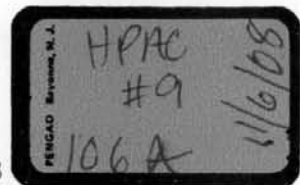
or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The application requests a certificate of approval from the City's Historic District Commission for the creation of a park at **100 DeSellum Avenue** to enhance the historical interpretation of the Observatory structure. Sec. 24-228 of the City Code (Zoning Ordinance) requires a historic area work permit for altering exterior features of a historic resource. The subject property, located on Parcel P539, in the Observatory Heights Addition to Gaithersburg, is both a national landmark and locally designated a historic site.

Further information may be obtained from the Planning and Code Administration Department at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Eliza Voigt, Planner  
Planning and Code Administration

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Gaithersburg Historic Preservation Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below.

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| <i>Meeting:</i>          | <b>Historic Preservation Advisory Committee</b>                            |
| <i>Application Type:</i> | <b>Historic Area Work Permit Request</b>                                   |
| <i>File Number:</i>      | <b>HAWP-106A</b>   |
| <i>Location:</i>         | <b>100 DeSellum Avenue</b>   |
| <i>Applicant:</i>        | <b>Pete Geiling, for the City of Gaithersburg</b>                          |
| <i>Development:</i>      | <b>Observatory Heights Addition to Gaithersburg</b>                        |
| <i>Day/ Date/Time:</i>   | <b>Thursday, November 6, 2008, 7:30 p.m.</b>                               |
| <i>Place:</i>            | <b>COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GAITHERSBURG CITY HALL<br/>31 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE</b> |

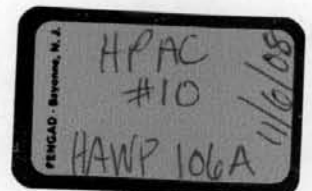
**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

The application requests a certificate of approval from the City's Historic District Commission for the creation of a park to enhance the historical interpretation of the Observatory structure at **100 DeSellum Avenue**. Section 24-228 of the City Code (Zoning Ordinance) requires a historic area work permit for altering exterior features of a historic resource. The subject property, located on, Parcel P539, in Observatory Heights Addition to Gaithersburg, is both a National Landmark and locally designated historic site. Contact the Planning and Code Administration City Planner (listed below) at (301) 258-6330 if you should have any questions and/or to learn more about this process and your ability to offer testimony and input.

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By: Eliza Voigt  
Eliza Voigt, Planner  
Planning and Code Administration

**SEE LOCATION MAP ON REVERSE SIDE**





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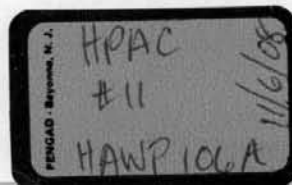
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