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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: NOTICE OF INTENT TO NOMINATE:

1331 Metropolitan Parkway–Masonic Building Landmark Building/Site (LBS)

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this letter from the City of Atlanta's (the City) Office of Design as the first official notice in the City's formal process to nominate and designate the **1331 Metropolitan Parkway–Masonic Building Landmark Building/Site (LBS) located at 1331 (aka 1333) Metropolitan Parkway, SW** (PIN: 14 01050009012) in Land Lot 105 in the 14th District. The City has initiated this designation due to this property's historic, cultural and architectural significance to the City.

A Landmark Building / Site (LBS) designation is one of the zoning categories offered by the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, which is Chapter 20 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The Landmark Building / Site (LBS) zoning, as proposed, would be added to the existing general zoning category(ies) that currently apply to your property, which are: NC-9 (Neighborhood Commercial – 9) and Beltline Zoning Overlay.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

- A map and general boundary description of the proposed Landmark Building / Site (LBS); and
- The City's Historic Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 20), which outlines among other topics the basic procedures and criteria related to designations.

A report documenting the history and significance of the proposed Landmark Building / Site (LBS) - and why it meets the nomination criteria - will be available from the Office of Design prior to the Atlanta Urban Design Commission public hearing noted below.

STEPS IN THE CITY'S NOMINATION/DESIGNATION PROCESS

This letter (officially the City's "Notice of Intent to Nominate" per the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance) is the first step in the formal City nomination / designation process. A Landmark Building / Site (LBS) designation does not become fully effective until the end of the nomination / designation process (see below).

- **Interim controls**

During this nomination/designation process, the property proposed for the Landmark Building / Site (LBS) is protected by and regulated by the interim controls found in the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The interim controls, which are a required part of the City's nomination/designation process, provide property owners with regulations for work that might be needed during the interim period. They became effective on the date of the mailing of this letter and are temporary and only apply for the duration of the nomination/designation process, which is a maximum of 180 days. If a property owner needs to do work to their property during the process, depending on the scope of work, the interim controls may require that it be reviewed/approved by the Office of Design Staff or the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. If the Fuller-Freedom House is officially adopted by the City at the end of the nomination/designation process, permanent historic preservation-related regulations would take effect.

- **Atlanta Urban Design Commission public hearing**

The City's first public hearing about the proposal will be held by the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (the Commission) on **Wednesday, April 28, 2021, beginning at 4 pm. This hearing will be held electronically via the Zoom platform. You may attend by using this weblink: <https://zoom.us/join/93040836184> and Meeting ID: 930 4083 6184 or by using a phone and dialing: + 1-646-558-8656, 93040836184#.** If you have any questions about accessing the Zoom public hearing please contact Commission staff at 404-330-6145. The Commission is the City board that reviews applications related to the City's historically-designated areas and building / sites. The Commission's role in the process is to determine if the proposed Landmark Building / Site (LBS) designation meets the criteria for nomination as outlined in the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance and whether to formally nominate the Fuller-Freedom House to the next step in the process. At this hearing, everybody will be given a reasonable chance to speak or otherwise present information about the eligibility of the proposed Landmark Building / Site (LBS) including the property owner, the general public and any other interested party.

If, at the **April 28, 2021 public hearing**, the Commission supports the nomination of the Landmark Building / Site (LBS), the Zoning Committee of the Atlanta City Council will continue the process by introducing a rezoning ordinance at one of its public meetings.

- **Rezoning process**

That rezoning ordinance will then follow the City's regular rezoning process, which includes further property communication; the neighborhood and NPU review process; a public hearing at the City's Zoning Review Board; a vote by the Atlanta City Council; and action by the Mayor. A Landmark Building / Site (LBS) designation does not become permanent until the end of this process. As a part of the rezoning process, the Atlanta City Council's Zoning Committee may modify the proposed nomination to another historic preservation category found within the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

- **Property Owner / Neighborhood meetings**

The Office of Design works in partnership with the property owner(s) throughout the designation process to answer any questions that might arise, as well as seek further input on the designation. A Landmark Building / Site (LBS) designation does not become permanent until the end of the nomination/designation process.

If, after reviewing this package, you have questions about this proposal, please contact the Office of Design staff at 404-330-6145 or me directly at 404-330-6702 or dyoung@atlantaga.gov. We look forward to working with you on this designation effort and protecting this important part of the City of Atlanta's built heritage through the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Sincerely,



Douglas H. R. Young, Director, Atlanta Urban Design Commission and
Assistant Director, Historic Preservation, Office of Design, Department of City Planning (DCP)

cc: Tim Keane, Commissioner, DCP
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The Honorable Joyce Sheperd, District, 2, Atlanta City Council
Atlanta Urban Design Commission Nomination File

For additional information about the public hearing, please scan below:

