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January Program on Historic Preservation by Wayne Goldstein, Historic Preservation Committee Chair

The speakers for this month's program on Monday, January 12th will be Jeff Fuller, Chair of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC); Scott Whipple, historic preservation supervisor for MNCPPC and the HPC; and Cory Kegerise, Administrator of Local Preservation Programs at the Maryland Historical Trust. Messers Fuller and Whipple will explain how the historic designation process and the historic area work permit process work in Montgomery County. Mr. Kegerise will describe Maryland's long commitment to historic preservation and how his agency works with the Montgomery County HPC and its staff and other Montgomery County agencies and individuals. This will be a unique opportunity to learn more about this important public policy that has been getting short shrift recently by some in county government.

I am writing a series of columns on the history of historic preservation which can be accessed on the MCCF website at: I.

<http://www.montgomerycivic.org/documents/sentinel/default.asp> for December 2008. Program attendees may want to read these columns in advance to help them understand the unique place that historic preservation holds in our country and county.

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**2008 ANNUAL AWARDS
BANQUET**
Friday, May 15, 2009
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"SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS"

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Montgomery County Parks Department: Planning to Fail? By Carole Ann Barth, Parks Committee Chairman

In 1996, the Northwood Four Corners Civic Association (NFCCA) began advocating for the county to purchase of the old Yeshiva property on University Boulevard in order to expand North Four Corners Park. In 1998, the land was added to the park. Sounds like a happy ending, doesn't it? Instead, it was the beginning of a six-year battle for the park's future that continues to this day.

Along the way, citizens uncovered some very unsettling facts about how parks are planned in Montgomery County. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Montgomery County Department of Parks conducts countywide park planning as well as creating park master plans; designing new parks; designing park renovations, and managing park "construction" for most county parks.

Currently, for these activities Montgomery Parks employs about 60 FTE's (full time equivalents) for "park planning." Depending on which documents you reference, we, the taxpayers, are paying \$6-8 million for this staff. This does not include county-wide environmental planning, community-based planning, transportation planning, or other planning specialties staff. Nor does it include staff from the Recreation Department or the Montgomery Revenue Authority involved in planning recreation centers and golf courses. Finally, this does not include the many consultants employed to do site studies, engineering, drafting, and design work for M-NCPPC park development projects. For comparison, Fairfax County employs 34 FTEs for park planning.

One would hope that such an investment in professional expertise would yield the very best in park design. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

For example, an early design for North Four Corners Park would have leveled the natural hillside where kids currently sled. In its place an artificial sledding hill was to be constructed. Another early design called for a flat, rectangular pad for inline hockey even though the game is actually played on a rink. Eventually the old ice rink at Wheaton Regional Park was turned into an inline skating facility as local teams had requested. In Olney, the skate park was delayed until planners finally heeded the skaters and redesigned the facility so that it would actually be used.

Now, as the failing economy and the resultant budget crisis loom ever larger, it behooves us to ask whether the county's citizens should continue to support a poorly-performing and bloated park planning bureaucracy. As

one NFCCA resident said during a hearing on North Four Corners Park, “What we need is more parks and less planning.” But when planning is called for, it should start with charettes involving all stakeholders, and most especially residents living nearby who have the most to lose through poor planning or gain through well done, community-based planning.

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The Year Ahead in Planning & Land Use

by Jim Humphrey, Chair, Planning & Land Use Committee

It looks like 2009 will be a busy year for the PLU Committee, as usual. Members will be tracking and analyzing all land use related issues, as well as recommending that formal Federation positions be adopted as needed.

On December 9, the County Council approved a revised Twinbrook Sector Plan, the first master plan revision that this Council has adopted. In 2009 the Planning Board will transmit to Council their recommendations for revision of plans for three other planning areas--the Germantown Master Plan revision is ready to go, the White Flint Sector Plan revision is expected to be sent over by late March or early April, and the Gaithersburg West Master Plan revision is expected in Council by the end of June. Public meetings and staff work have also begun on revisions to the Wheaton Sector Plan and Kensington Master Plan.

Work will continue this year on other large scale land use and planning initiatives. The Planning staff is currently forging a revision of the county's Zoning Ordinance, with an initial draft expected to be forwarded for Council consideration sometime this year. There is also an effort underway to examine the effectiveness of the county government response to alleged housing code violations, a problem that is having a serious negative impact on several Federation member associations' communities. And the Council will consider changes to the county's Growth Policy, an effort that takes place biennially in odd-numbered years.

In addition, County Executive Leggett has engaged the Council to work with him on his "Smart Growth Initiative" – a plan to sell the current County Service Park near Shady Grove Metro, so that private developers can proceed with high-density mixed use redevelopment of that site. Other sites are under consideration for purchase by the county to house new headquarters for the Police Department, Department of Fire and Rescue

Services, Homeland Security, Emergency Management Operations Center, the County Liquor Dispensary warehouse, and Public Schools food warehouse, as well as a new Public Safety Training Academy.

Finally, even though the national housing foreclosure and bank lending crises have resulted in a slow down in applications for development project approvals at Park & Planning, the PLU Committee members will continue to analyze projects for master plan conformance. And our members will be tracking all legislation, proposed in either the County Council or state legislature, which could impact or alter the processes or authority for land use planning and approvals.

President's Message By Arnold Gordon, President

Another year is upon us, and your Civic Federation continues to strive to improve its services to the civic community.

Our second Saturday Seminar dealt with the property tax assessment and appeals processes. We had a record crowd of 45 attendees and the seminar received rave reviews for its coverage and presentation from all who attended and gave us feedback. We are most grateful to Jack Brennan, Supervisor of Assessments for Montgomery County, State Department of Assessments and Taxation for his clear explanations of the assessment process. Yours truly described the Appeals process and the role of the Property Tax Assessments Appeal Board. We are receiving requests for a reprise of this seminar and perhaps we can oblige in the 2009-10 membership year.

Our third seminar will cover "Special Exceptions", a land use topic which civic association heads should be familiar with in order to satisfactorily meet the challenges any neighborhood may face. Please see the box on page 1 for complete details.

We are pleased to advise that the proposed bill (MC 919-09) concerning recordation and tax credits and property tax exemptions for county employees has been withdrawn, partly, we believe, as a result of the MCCF's testimony at the legislative delegation's hearings on December 11. Attendees at these hearings would have been proud of the effective way Dan Wilhelm and I presented the MCCF's positions on several issues of concern to our membership.

Let me again remind you of the opportunity presented by our weekly column in the Sentinel. Delegates and associate members are encouraged to write about any issue of concern to them and their communities and submit their writings to our editor for the "Federation

Corner”, Wayne Goldstein at waynengoldstein@hotmail.com .

As 2008 draws to a close, our Executive Committee and I extend to all of our members and their constituents wishes for a very Happy New Year 2009. Thank for your support and your continued confidence.

Job Search Assistance

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center announces that Marvin Adams, Certified Career Coach, Consultant, and Instructor with over 20 years experience in Career Development, has agreed to return in January for a free workshop series. Beginning January 6, Marvin will cover topics most important for a successful job search at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road. Call Gwen Haney, Program Specialist at 240-777-8400 or 2240-777-8417 to register.

Tuesday, Jan 6, 9-10:30 a.m. “Write it With Style” (Advanced Resume Writing)

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 9-10:30 a.m. “How to Get Results” (Job Search Strategies)

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. “Location, Location, Location” (Internet Power)

This workshop only will be held at the Praisner Recreation Center

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 9-10:30 a.m. “Your Best Performance” (Interviewing/Negotiating)

Additional Volunteers Sought for Committees

The 2009 Nominating Committee for elected officers of the MCCF will be chaired by Sandy Vogelgesang with Luella Mast and Chuck Lapinski also serving.

The 2009 Awards Committee will be chaired by Peggy Dennis with Jim Humphrey serving. Finding the right people or organizations for MCCF to honor is both a challenge and a pleasure. We ask for volunteers to serve on the Awards Committee so that there will be ample time to solicit recommendations, research the different individuals and organizations we might honor, and make our final recommendations at the March Executive Committee meeting. The committee will be nominated by the president, be confirmed at the January Executive Committee meeting and begin work immediately.

The MCCF will present three awards at the 2009 Awards Dinner on May 15. The awards are:

- The Sentinel Award, presented to an individual or group for a significant contribution to good government at the local level.
- The Gazette Award, presented to an individual or group who performs exemplary volunteer service for the residents of the county.
- The Star Cup, awarded to a MCCF delegate or committee for outstanding public service on behalf of Montgomery County.

We are also in need of chairmen for the Transportation and Public Safety Committees. Any delegate or individual member interested in chairing or helping with the above-mentioned committees, please call our MCCF President, Arnie Gordon at 301-570-0481 or email him at nmcaprexy@aol.com .

Meetings of the Montgomery County Civic Federation

Please mark these dates in your 2009 calendar

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

January 12, 2009

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 21, 2009

February 18

March 18

April 22

May 20

June 17

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting, December 8, 2008

Attendance: 29 individuals, including those representing 21 civic associations; 3 guests.

Opening and Announcements: First Vice President Peggy Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Introductions were made all around. Wayne Goldstein asked to add an emergency resolution to the agenda which request was approved with more than five seconds. Bill Schrader presented a written treasurer's report. There is little change from the November figures. Jim Humphrey moved approval of the November 10 regular meeting minutes. Seconded, approved on voice vote. Dick Kauffunger reported 48 people attended the property tax assessments workshop. The next seminar will be on Saturday, February 14 in the County Executive Office

Building first floor auditorium. Topic: Special Exceptions. Presenters: Francoise Carrier, Montgomery County Hearing Examiner and Martin Klauber, People's Counsel of Montgomery County. Mr. Humphrey reminded members of the opportunity to write articles for the Civic Federation column in the Sentinel paper. Mr. Goldstein announced that on December 1 Montgomery Preservation filed several lawsuits regarding the Perpetual Bank Building in Silver Spring.

Committee Reports

Mr. Goldstein, **Education** Committee chair, reported that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) continues to ignore various laws.

The **Historic Preservation** Committee will follow the County Council's vote on the Damascus/Goshen historic resources list.

Mr. Kauffunger facilitated a meeting between Councilmember Elrich and Maryland Department of **Transportation** (MDOT) Deputy Director Heather Murphy regarding Mr. Elrich's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposal.

Mr. Humphrey, **Planning and Land Use** Chair, announced that Board of Appeals Chair Allison Fultz is resigning on January 1. Applications for the opening on the Board are due to the Council offices January 5.

Mr. Goldstein introduced the following emergency resolution: "I move that the MCCF authorize Wayne Goldstein, member of the Planning and Land Use Committee, to represent MCCF in opposing modification of the Suburban Hospital Special Exception before the Hearing Examiner, focusing especially on opposition to the closing of Lincoln Street." After a short discussion, the resolution passed: 25 yes; 1 opposed; 4 abstain.

Program: First Part

The December Program had originally been planned to allow members of the county's state delegation to discuss the upcoming 2009 session in Annapolis. Due to a conflicting meeting, we settled for a shorter "briefing" on this topic. Dan Wilhem introduced Senator Richard Madaleno, Chair of the Montgomery County Senate Delegation who gave a brief review of the difficult fiscal conditions confronting the 2009 General Assembly Session. The FY 2010 budget will dominate this session. 82% of Maryland's State income comes from the State income tax and the State sales tax. We have seen a 7.8% drop in the amount of sales tax collected from October 2007 to October 2008 even though the sales tax was raised by one cent in FY 2009. We have seen similar decreases in the capital gains tax, the bulk of which income comes from Montgomery County residents. The Board of Revenue Estimates (Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot, Maryland State Treasurer Nancy Kopp and Secretary of Budget and Management T. Eloise Foster) is looking at a \$300 million budget reduction for both the FY 09 and 10

budget years. The bulk of the State budget goes to fund education (K-college), health care and public safety (including Maryland State Department of Corrections). Many of the services government provides are counter-cyclical: as less money is available, the need for services increases. The State is hoping for support from the federal government which, unlike the state government, is not required to have a balanced budget. We have already cut \$1.1 billion from the \$6.3 billion 6-year Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). Last year, one-half of the one cent increase in the sales tax went to the TTF.

Program: Second Part

Dr. Royce Hanson had asked to make a presentation to MCCF, and time permitted us to agree to this request. Mr. Humphrey introduced Dr. Royce Hanson, Chairman of the Planning Board and Vice Chairman of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission who spoke on planning and growth management policies for Montgomery County addressing key factors the Board will propose for consideration as the Council begins the 2009 Growth Policy update. The full text of Dr. Hanson's speech will be posted on the MNCPPC website.

Following his speech, delegates queried Dr. Hanson on many aspects of his presentation including possible improvements in the analysis of traffic impact from development, expansion of growth policy to include consideration of appropriate optimum scale for county population and jobs, why the Board is not implementing certain sustainability indicators for which legislative authority currently exists, such as design quality, and whether the Council of Governments has the ability to set goals/limits for the region that are sustainable. Dr. Hanson was also questioned on why the Board has approved so much development in Clarksburg, and is proposing an increase in allowable density in the Germantown and Gaithersburg West master plan revisions, when he has stated that these transit-dependent communities are not likely to be served by high quality transit for quite some time. Generally, questions reflected the audience position that the policy, as presented by Dr. Hanson, will be detrimental to the quality of life in Montgomery County and does not reflect the policies and planning procedures that most civic organizations feel the county should be following.

Committee Reports Continued

Planning and Land Use Committee Chair Mr. Humphrey reported on the status of various master plans: Twinbrook is done and Council vote expected December 9. Germantown is on its way to the Council. White Flint will go to the Planning Board January 12 and in March to the Council. Gaithersburg West will come to the Council in June or July. White Oak and East County communities are particularly concerned about housing code enforcement. The zoning ordinance rewrite continues. On November 18, the Council approved rezoning for the Arlington Post Office site, allowing a development plan that violates the use,

height, density and set back guidance in the Master Plan. The Council approved the development 8 to 1 with only Councilmember Elrich really understanding citizen concerns and voting for denial.

There being no additional old or new business, the meeting voted adjournment at 9:45 pm.

Minutes Of The December 17 Executive Committee Meeting By Luella Mast, Recording Secretary

Attendance: First Vice President Peggy Dennis, Carole Ann Barth, Wayne Goldstein, Jim Humphrey, Chuck Lapinski, Luella Mast, Bill Schrader, Virginia Sheard, Sandy Vogelgesang, Marv Weinman. Guest: Geoff Wolf.

Call to Order, Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Ms. Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM at Ms. Vogelgesang's home. The November 19 Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved. Mr. Schrader presented the mid-December Treasurer's Report. We have 44 member associations and 16 individual members. November 19 balance: \$10,954.81. We have received a request for funds from a group supporting the Purple Line. The Executive Committee informally decided not to contribute.

Committee Reports

Parks: Ms. Barth updated the Executive Committee on the history and current status of the Sligo Creek Golf Course. After taking over control of the course from Park and Planning, the Montgomery County Revenue Authority established the Sligo Creek Stakeholder Advisory Group. No representatives of the neighborhoods around the golf course originally served on this group. The Friends of Sligo Creek are now represented, but as a minority. Although the Sligo Creek course is the smallest course in the county, it is charged the same management fees as larger and hence more popular and more used courses. It is not clear that stakeholders have confidence in any of the Authority's cost/benefit analyses. Current status: The course planning process is in limbo. The neighbors remain well organized.

The committee continues to study the Montgomery County Department of Parks organizational structure. The Park Development Division has 60 staff. Comparably, Fairfax County seems to do well with half as many people assigned to parks development. We are concerned that the statement made by Director of Parks Mary Bradford during a hearing before the Council, "It would set a dangerous precedent to listen to community concerns" all too clearly demonstrates the attitude of the Department toward citizens. The Volunteer Services Office is the support arm for volunteers. The successful Weed Warrior volunteer program was ongoing prior to the time Ms. Bradford joined the Department. Executive Committee members who attempted to volunteer for trail maintenance projects have never been contacted. Naturalists in the Department are

now out of the loop. Neither the naturalists nor the volunteers working in a park are involved when decisions are made about a park's best use. Executive Committee members discussed possible methods for alerting and involving the public in these and other concerns the MCCF Parks Committee has raised.

Mr. Weinman asked if it continues to be cost effective to have a bi-county Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In most cases Montgomery and Prince George's counties operate independently. Equally of concern, is it cost effective for Montgomery County to have separate parks and recreation agencies? At one time, two separate county agencies, parks and recreation, were each funding separate engineering studies for a six-acre site. Is it cost effective to have separate park and county Departments of Police? Can five park police officers, the maximum number on duty at any one time, adequately enforce regulations and protect citizens in the entire county-wide park system? We need to focus on the Department's budget. Mr. Humphrey suggested we establish positions of record with regard to the Department.

Ms. Barth reported she is still looking into a complaint of illegal hunting in a park near Lake Frank. The complainant has not been able to get a response of any kind from the Department. The Committee continues to add members.

Public Finance: Mr. Weinman reviewed the latest county budget figures. There are 33,178 full time and 3,522 part time county employees whose salaries and benefits account for 80% of the budget. Currently it looks like there will be a \$448.9 million budget shortfall in FY 2010 that must be solved. The Office of Legislative Oversight does an excellent job but the Council does not follow up on their reports. Public hearings on the MCPS budget will be held January 14 and 21. Usually all available slots are taken the same day sign-ups open. Our April program will be on the FY 2010 budget which will have been presented in March. April is also the month for the personnel management review which details the number of county employees.

Planning and Land Use: Mr. Humphrey announced that the Planning Department will have a brief ceremony before their Thursday meeting to honor several staff members who are leaving the agency. He provided a looking back and looking ahead end-of-the-year committee review and recommended all committees do the same analysis of their work. The various master plans we have discussed continue through the pipe line. In the second half of this fiscal year we expect limited master plan amendments to be used to replace zoning text amendments as was outlined at the Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council reported on at our October Executive Committee meeting. Since 2009 is an odd numbered year, the annual growth policy will be up for review.

The Council will continue to focus on what is now called "The Smart Growth Initiative", the decision to move county services from current sites near the Shady Grove Metro

Station so that land there may be developed more intensely into mixed use communities. The project is supposed to be revenue neutral. The county will spend \$90 million to purchase 2 properties and will need approximately \$150 million more for land and site development. Sale of sites making up about half of the current service park acreage is expected to bring in \$182 million. The Departments of Police, Fire and Rescue Services, and Homeland Security are expected to move onto the old National Geographic site. The MCPS warehouse and Department of Liquor Control will share a site. The Public Safety Training Academy and MCPS food service will be located on a site that is part of the airpark, near Washington Grove. County Executive Leggett has created an advisory committee to help steer the various projects. CountyStat is still under development. Steady progress is being made as benchmarks are established for various departments.

Mr. Goldstein continues to focus on the Suburban Hospital Special Exception application. Although the Planning Board has approved the plan, this is only one step in a long process. It will take several days for arguments to be presented before the Hearing Examiner. After that the Board of Appeals will make a decision based on the record. Mr. Goldstein has been successful in introducing into the record several points that are detrimental to the hospital's request. The hospital has not made a compelling case as to why all surgical suites must be on the same floor. Mr. Goldstein has proposed that these suites can be stacked without impacting patient safety, hence reducing the new addition's footprint. The hospital's plan to demolish 23 adjacent houses that it already owns will make it possible for the hospital to substantially expand its building footprint by using those properties to take full advantage of the maximum allowed lot coverage limitations. Mr. Goldstein will continue to work with and support the Huntington Terrace Citizens Association's effort to save their neighborhood.

Education: The Parents Coalition continues to be extremely effective. Mr. Goldstein attended their meeting with Councilmember Leventhal. The Parents Coalition was the organization to blow the whistle on Bus Radio which, as a result of the publicity the Parents Coalition provided, has been removed from those buses where it was being tested. Delegates Ben Kramer and Al Carr have introduced legislation that would require the Board of Education to provide information on contracts over \$25,000 on the MCPS web site, thereby continuing the process of attempting to make Board of Education decisions more transparent.

Membership: We expect additional membership renewals as current members realize they will be dropped from membership starting in January.

1st Vice President's Report: Ms. Dennis reviewed the programs for January through April with no changes from the list outlined at the last Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Dennis will chair and Mr. Humphrey will serve on the

MCCF Awards Committee. Ms. Vogelgesang will chair and Mr. Lapinski and Ms. Mast will serve on the MCCF Nominating Committee. An announcement seeking additional members for both committees will be printed in the January newsletter.

Secretary's Report: Mr. Humphrey is concerned that the draft December 8 regular meeting minutes do not adequately reflect the concerns MCCF has with regard to the presentation made by Dr. Hanson. Ms. Mast felt it was important to report on the program. Although reporting on Dr. Hanson's remarks, the minutes do not include any information on the questions directed to Dr. Hanson after his presentation. Ms. Mast agreed to add an additional sentence written by Mr. Humphrey giving some sense of the concerns raised by the audience during the question session. Ms. Dennis as Newsletter Editor will make a decision about how much of Dr. Hanson's remarks appear in the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Ms. Dennis agreed with Ms. Mast's request that if substantial cuts are made only to Dr. Hanson's remarks and not also to those of Senator Madaleno, that Ms. Mast's name be removed as secretary for the December 8 meeting as the minutes as printed will not be those written by Ms. Mast. Executive Committee members agreed upon a policy that regular meeting minutes should contain a report on the program part of the meeting and not focus solely on the meeting's business.

Old Business

MCCF position on the Purple Line: Mr. Humphrey provided a complete background history of the development of the MCCF current position in response to Ms. Vogelgesang's request for information on our Purple Line position on behalf of the West Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board. The public comment period will close the end of January with the Governor's decision on the Purple Line mode and final route to be announced in mid-January. Given that time line, the Executive Committee agreed that it is not possible to review our position at this time.

We are reminded that the MCCF transit position supports the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) as the priority county transit project due to the need for transit service in the up-county. The communities served by the Purple Line have existing transit service options. Ms. Barth suggested that small changes in service delivery can have a big impact on transit access and suggested that MCCF focus more on local issues such as additional buses on lines where service is already at capacity and/or changes in routes rather than on broad county-wide transit projects. We do advocate for a finer transit grid system. Members discussed the need to review all our current transit positions.

Adjournment Ms. Dennis adjourned the meeting with all in agreement at 10:25 pm.

Federation Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2009
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

7:45 Call to Order
7:46 Introductions and Announcements
7:50 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
7:55 Treasurer's Report
7:58 Approval of December 8 Minutes
8:00 Program: Historic Preservation in Montgomery County
9:15 Community Hero Award
9:25 Committee Reports
9:45 Old Business
9:50 New Business
10:00 Adjournment

The **Montgomery County Civic Federation** is a county-wide nonprofit educational and advocacy organization. It was founded in 1925 to serve the public interest. Its monthly Federation meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:45 p.m. in the First Floor Auditorium, County Office Building, Rockville, MD.

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 7:45 p.m.

At the home of Dan Wilhelm

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