

Public Comment:

1800 Tasker St.

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: Fw: 1800 Tasker Street - Historic Designation

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From: Lauren Hanak <lauren.hanak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 9:38 AM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: 1800 Tasker Street - Historic Designation

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To whom it concerns:

I am writing to show my support for the historic designation of the church at 1800 Tasker Street in the Point Breeze neighborhood of South Philly.

Since moving nearby, it became very clear to me that this building is an important cornerstone of our neighborhood's identity and a symbol of our shared history. Its preservation is not only about protecting (and fixing) bricks and mortar... It's about saving the character that makes our community so unique.

Losing this landmark would mean losing an irreplaceable piece of Philly's story. By preserving it, we create an opportunity to honor its legacy while reimagining its future. I love the idea of having it be a modern community space -- coffee shop, restaurant, brewery, gathering space, etc.. -- where we can spend time, find jobs, and invest in ourselves and our neighbors.

I respectfully ask you to act in favor of historic designation, ensuring that this treasured building remains a source of identity and inspiration for both our neighborhood and our city.

Thank you for all that you do to preserve Philadelphia's heritage!

With gratitude for your time and consideration,
Lauren Hanak
484-343-3062

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 5:14 PM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: Fw: Historical Designation for 1800 Tasker

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From: Sefton Eisenhart <sefton.eisenhart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 4:59:04 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: Historical Designation for 1800 Tasker

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I wanted to reach out quickly and express my support for the historical designation of the Church located at 1800 Tasker Street.

This church is an important part of the neighborhood, and should live on in the same way it has already existed for many years—a meeting place for the community.

Let us always protect these places in any way we can.

Best,

Sefton

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: Fw: Expressing Support for Historic Designation - 1800 Tasker St

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From: Tyler Rohrbaugh <tyler.r.rohrbaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:37 AM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: Expressing Support for Historic Designation - 1800 Tasker St

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To whom it may concern at the Philadelphia Historical Commission:

As a Philadelphia resident for the last 15 years and avid supporter of restoring and preserving our city's rich history, **I'm writing to express my support for the historic designation of the church at 1800 Tasker St.**

Constructed in 1887 by the Presbyterian Church of the Evangel, a denomination I am also affiliated with, I believe the building is an important part of the neighborhood's identity. Its official preservation by the city would be a gift to the community and the church's former congregation.

Further, I am very much in support of the idea of adapting the space for new community use. Whether repurposed as a cafe, restaurant, events hall, brewery, or other gathering space, reusing while maintaining and enhancing the space would honor its past and give the growing neighborhood a much needed service.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. I hope that the Historical Commission agrees and recognizes this opportunity to honor the legacy of such a historic property!

Sincerely,
Tyler Rohrbaugh

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Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 11:21 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: Fw: My support for the historic designation of the church at 1800 Tasker Street

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From: Sean Strausbaugh <sstrausbaugh90@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:46 AM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: My support for the historic designation of the church at 1800 Tasker Street

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To the Philadelphia Historical Commission,

I'm writing to express my support for the historic designation of the church at 1800 Tasker Street. This building is an important part of the neighborhood's identity, and I believe preserving it would be a gift to both the community and the city. As a history teacher and Philadelphia resident, have seen our great past let go is always a terrible tragedy, but with this, Philadelphia can be revitalized while still keeping with the amazing community history alive instead of what I see with new housing construction all over the city and country bulldozing what has been for unimaginative urban sprawl.

I also support the idea of adapting it for community use — whether as a café, restaurant, brewery, or other gathering space. Reusing and maintaining this space would honor its past while giving it new life in the present. This space will be by the community and for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sean Strausbaugh

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:49 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: Fw: 1800 Tasker

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From: Jochem Slor <jochem.slor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 7:41 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: 1800 Tasker

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am hereby writing you to express my sincere support to make 1800 Tasker Street a historic designation.

As someone that has lived and breathed Philadelphia for well over a decade, I believe that 1800 Tasker meets the necessary requirements, and would love to see this beautiful establishment receive such a special designation.

Not only do I believe that it deserves this merit for it's mere being and historical status, but as a community member it is important to stay focused on what is ahead; the could-be's. Every neighbourhood needs a supportive establishment, and I believe that this building still has some fight in her. Therefore, I am of the opinion that it is very much suitable for it's next chapter, whatever that may be. I will leave that up to the other community members; my pain point here is to sponsor the idea of historic designation.

Thank you for listening,

Willem Slor

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 7:11 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: Fw: Support letter for 18th and Tasker

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From: Meredith Jensen <merriebentley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:08:34 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: Support letter for 18th and Tasker

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Dear Historic Commission,

I am writing in support of adding the church at 1800 Tasker St to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The building is a remarkable piece of the neighborhood's history and has long been a landmark for the community. Preserving it would not only safeguard an important architectural work but also ensure that future generations can recognize the role it has played in the life of South Philadelphia.

I urge you to vote in favor of designation.

Sincerely,
Merrie Bentley

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: FW: 1800 Tasker Street

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From: Patric Myers <pmyers102@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 5:09 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: 1800 Tasker Street

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Dear Philadelphia Historical Commision,

I am writing to express my support for the historical designation of the church located at 1800 Tasker Street. As a resident of Philadelphia, I deeply appreciate the city's rich architectural heritage, and I believe this building plays an important role in reflecting that history.

Too often, I have witnessed the loss of older buildings in favor of new construction. With proper vision and care these structures could be preserved and repurposed for future generations. The church at 1800 Tasker Street stands as a testament to the unique character and craftsmanship that shaped our city's past. It is my belief that this building deserves to be part of Philadelphia's architectural legacy.

I would love to see this building adapted into a community gathering place, whether as a community center, restaurant, café, or similar venue. Such a use would not only honor the building's original character but also give it new life, ensuring it serves the people of Philadelphia for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patric Myers
2013 Dickinson Street, Philadelphia.

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 11:25 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: FW: Please Add 1800 Tasker St. on the Register of Historic Places

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From: Alexander White <alexanderjaywhite1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 8:49 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: Please Add 1800 Tasker St. on the Register of Historic Places

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To Whom It May Concern,

I lived in this neighborhood when I first moved to Philly, and I would often walk by this church on the corner. It always struck me how perfectly it fit the space. It truly felt like a cornerstone of the community, at least visually. The spire, the stained-glass windows, and the weathered patina on the concrete make it a unique piece of history that reflects the character of the neighborhood.

This church deserves not only to remain part of the community but also to be formally recognized as a historic place.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Go Birds!

Best,

Alex

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 2:18 PM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: FW: 1800 Tasker Street

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From: Sarah Glorioso <appleglorioso@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 1:26 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Subject: 1800 Tasker Street

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Sarah Glorioso and I live at [1814 Fernon Street.](#) I fully support designating the church at 1800 Tasker as a Historic Place. The building is awesome, and I'm glad to see steps being taken to preserve it and keep it alive. It's a beautiful place to have on our block! Thank you.

Best wishes,
Sarah Glorioso

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 2:18 PM
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From: Dana Herbine <14dherbine.stem@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 1:26 PM
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Hello,

I live on Fernon Street a few doors down from the church at [1800 Tasker Street](#) and I wanted to write and share my support for placing it on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. It's a beautiful part of our neighborhood and I'm excited to see it preserved, and even more excited to see it become something new that will serve the community.

Thanks,
Dana Herbine

Heather Hendrickson

From: preservation
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 9:21 AM
To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: FW: Support for Historic Designation – 1800 Tasker St.

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From: laura bickhart <bickhart7755@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 11:37 PM
To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
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Dear Philadelphia Historical Commission,

I am writing in strong support of placing the church at 1800 Tasker St. on the Register of Historic Places. Beyond being an incredible piece of architecture, it represents a deep sense of history and community in South Philadelphia.

This church has stood as a neighborhood landmark for generations. I've often admired its beauty while passing through South Philly, and I know countless families have gathered there over the years. It is undeniably part of our city's story, and preserving it will ensure future generations can connect with that history.

As a Philadelphian since 2008 (go birds!), I care deeply about protecting the spaces that make our neighborhoods unique. The church at 1800 Tasker is one of those spaces, and I urge you to recognize its significance by voting to preserve it as a historic site.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Laura Bickhart

Heather Hendrickson

From: Seth Laucks <slaucks@gm.slc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 12:30 PM
To: preservation
Subject: Church at 18th and Tasker- Historic designation

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Hi,

I just wanted to say I live in Philadelphia and I support the historic designation of the church at 18th and Tasker. It's an important part of the neighborhood and worth preserving.

Thanks,
Seth

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From: Ulrike Barankay <ulrikebarankay@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 12:32 PM
To: preservation
Subject: 1800 Tasker Street

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To the Philadelphia Historical Commission,

I'm writing to express my support for the historic designation of the church at 1800 Tasker Street. This building is an important part of the neighborhood's identity, and I believe preserving it would be a gift to both the community and the city.

I also support the idea of adapting it for a new use in a way that allows the public to access it, rather than as private residences. Reusing and maintaining this space would honor its past while giving it new life in the present.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ulrike Barankay