

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



HPRB ACTIONS
January 28, 2016

The Historic Preservation Review Board met and considered the following items. Present: Gretchen Pfahler (Chair), Rauzia Ally, Andrew Aurbach, Graham Davidson, Nancy Metzger, Joseph Taylor, and Charles Wilson.

AGENDA

HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATIONS

Jost-Kuhn House, 1354 Madison Street NW, Case 15-25.

The Board designated the Jost-Kuhn House, 1354 Madison Street NW, a historic landmark in the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites, and requested that the nomination be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places. Vote: 7-0.

The Furies Collective, 219 11th Street SE, Case 15-18.

The Board concurred with the ANC resolution and designated the Furies Collective, 219 11th Street SE, a historic landmark in the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites and requested that the nomination be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places. The Board requested that the nomination be revised with additional context on the origin of the lesbian-feminist movement and the impact of the Furies. Vote: 7-0.

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, HPA 16-156, concept/subdivision, construction of five-story apartment building and site work.

The Board supported construction of a new building on the lot, without objecting to its proposed location and footprint, and supported the subdivision necessary to allow construction of a three-story rear wing reaching to W Street. The Board recommended that: 1) the building have a front yard; 2) the height of the main block be reduced at least one story, if not two; 3) the W Street rear of the building be activated; 4) the massing and application of materials of the main block be revised; 5) the grouping of the windows be revised to add more verticality; 6) the visual effect of the ramp be de-emphasized by better screening it, perhaps by keeping the side yard nearer the street grade. Vote: 6-0 (Pfahler recused).

1409 V Street SE, HPA 15-577, revised concept/alterations and additions to school.

The Board approved the concept and delegated to staff further review with the conditions that: 1) the openings on the classroom wing be revised to group each classroom's windows to provide for more solid wall between the classroom bays and still more at either end of the wing; 2) the rhythm of openings generally be consistent around the sides of each wing; 3) the wings have some kind of coping at the top of the walls to terminate and unify them; 4) consideration be given to the paint colors of the lintels of the new wings and that the older wings might be painted a different shade from the original main block in order to make them recede visually; 5) the site's reconstructed retaining wall step with the grade, have a cap or coping, and be of a brick that is complementary to, but not match the wings; and 6) the color of the wings' brick complements

the subdued color of the painted main block, perhaps a gray; and 7) a materials mock-up be assembled on site before a permit is cleared by HPO. Vote: 7-0.

DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

11 Dupont Circle NW, HPA 16-149, concept/renovation to entries and public space.

The Board found the concept to be compatible with the Dupont Circle and Massachusetts Avenue historic districts, contingent on refinements noted in the staff report as well as further development of the glass color selection in relationship to the existing glass, detailing of how the glass at the top and bottom meets the brick bands, and relating the green public space to the building. Vote: 5-0.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

418-426 C St NE, HPA 16-150, concept/rear additions, roof additions and decks.

The Board found the concept of the rear additions to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District but found that any visible rooftop addition would be incompatible. The Board found that the weather vestibules should retain their original configuration. Vote: 3-2

631 Lexington Pl NE, HPA 16-100, concept/expand attic, basement entrance.

The Board found the rooftop addition, porch restoration, and garage raze to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District with the condition that the applicant work with staff on the rear elevation. The Board found that there was not enough information provided on the basement entrance to determine compatibility and asked that that portion of the project return to HPRB for further review. Vote: 5-0.

HISTORIC LANDMARK

301 G Street SW, HPA 15-368, revised concept/alteration, addition of eight-story apartment tower.

The Board approved the revised concept for the new tower addition and landscape, asked that the detailing and color of the connecting link element between the buildings be made lighter, and strongly encouraged but did not require that the perimeter fence be removed or redesigned. The Board noted that no ANC resolution had been received. Final approval was delegated to staff. Vote: 5-0

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1901-1905 9½ Street NW, HPA 16-101, new construction, roof and rear additions.

The Board found the concept incompatible with the U Street Historic District and inconsistent with the Act. Vote: 5-0.

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3028 Newark St NW, HPA 16-141, concept/rear landscaping and retaining walls.

The Board recommended planting additional vegetation to screen views of the retaining walls from the south. The Board suggested a multi-tiered planting plan that includes a variety of plant species. Vote: 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2226, 2228, 2234, 2238 and 2252 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, HPA 13-578, revised concept/subdivision and construction of residential and retail building.

The Board delegated to staff further review, recommending that the area of glazing be further reduced and encouraged the applicant to provide to the community samples of the proposed materials. Vote: 5-1 (Wilson against).

The Board approved the following items on the consent calendar by a vote of 6-0 (Pfaehler recused).

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

240 Kentucky Ave SE, HPA 16-145, concept/rear addition.

The Board agreed with the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's recommendation that the windows be repaired.

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3422 36th St NW, HPA 16-152, concept/raze and replace existing garage.

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

930 French Street NW, HPA 16-052, concept/rear and roof addition.

The Board emphasized that the roof addition should not be visible from the street.

14TH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1336 14th Street, NW, HPA 16-151, concept/exterior alterations and addition [deferred at request of ANC 2F]~~

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