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HPRB ACTIONS
October 26 and November 2, 2023

The Historic Preservation Review Board met on these dates to consider the following items.

OCTOBER 26

Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Carisa Stanley Beatty, Matt Bell and Gretchen Pfaehler.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Overview of Recently Completed Projects.

Design guidelines for Cleveland Park's Historic Commercial Corridor, submitted by Cleveland Park Historical Society.

The Board thanked the applicants for the informational presentation; no action taken.

HISTORIC DESIGNATION HEARINGS

Northeast Savings Bank, 800 H Street NE, Case 22-04.

The Historic Preservation Review Board designated the Northeast Savings Bank, 800 H Street NE, a historic landmark to be entered in the D.C. Inventory of Historic Site, and recommended that the nomination be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places under the Multiple Property Document: Banks and Financial Institutions in Washington, DC, 1790-1960. Vote: 5-0.

Lansburgh Park, 1098 Delaware Avenue SW, Case 22-05.

The Board did not designate the property a historic landmark, but left the matter open for possible revision or a multiple-property document to bolster the case for either design or historic significance.

HISTORIC LANDMARK

Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, 1201-1217 Massachusetts Avenue NW, HPA 23-367, revised concept/seven-story addition behind townhouses and two-story parish center.

The Board found the revised design to be compatible with the landmark and the Shaw Historic District and delegated final approval to staff. Vote: 5-0.

ROCK CREEK PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

William Howard Taft Bridge, HPA 23-509, concept/install barrier system.

The Board found the proposed modifications in Option 3B to be compatible with the historic landmark and delegated any remaining design review to HPO. [Option 3B – “Articulation of Concrete Mass” incorporates an angled setback on the modified pedestals just below the lampposts as well as a narrow reveal on all pedestals at approximately the same height as the existing pedestals.] Vote: 5-0

MOUNT VERNON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1100 6th Street NW, HPA 22-274, revised concept/addition and alterations.

The Board did not take an action, advised that the first floor of the L Street elevation be simplified and rendered in brick, that the bay be resolved, that the 6th Street elevation does not need revision, and asked for the project to return for further review when ready.

MOUNT PLEASANT HISTORIC DISTRICT

3205 19th Street NW, HPA 23-569, permit/construct front entrance to basement.

The Board not support clearance of a permit for the project as drawn, because the proposed work is not compatible with the character of the historic district, nor would it sufficiently retain the character of the subject property. The Board supported the idea of revision along the lines suggested in the staff report, to receive staff clearance if a revised plan proves compatible. Vote: 5-0.

1845 Lamont Street NW, HPA 23-571, permit/roof replacement and repairs.

The Board did not support clearance of a permit as consistent with the purposes of the preservation law, because the proposed work would not sufficiently retain the character of the subject property, nor is it compatible with character of the historic district as represented by this cohesive and well-preserved block. The Board supported replacement of the green tile with the same and the wood rafter end with matching ones. Vote:5-0.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

1836-1840 Kalorama Road NW, HPA 23-515, concept/rear and roof additions.

The Board found the revised proposal to be compatible with the character of the historic district and delegated, final review to staff. Vote: 5-0.

NOVEMBER 2

Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Carisa Stanley Beatty, and Gretchen Pfahler. Absent: Matt Bell.

UNION MARKET HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1272 5th Street NE, HPA 23-433, concept/second story enclosure on front loading dock.~~

[deferred at request of the applicant]

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3427 Wisconsin Avenue NW, HPA 23-511, concept/new construction of four-story apartment building. *The Board supported the staff report and did not take action, encouraging the applicant to return with revised plans that emphasized the building's residential function and horizontality, with particular attention paid to materials and the approaches from neighboring side streets. The Board only expressed concerns about aesthetics and took no issue with the project's overall size, scale, and placement.*

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1254-1258 Talbert St SE and 1309-1313 Morris Rd SE, HPA 23-094, revised concept/new construction of six multi-unit townhouses. [deferred at request of the applicant]~~

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

5 Walter Hoop Court NE, HPA 23-507, permit/roof deck replacement, stair access, pergola *The Board found the proposed alterations for visible roof structures incompatible with the Capitol Hill historic district. Vote: 4-0.*

16TH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1900-1902-16th Street NW, HPA 23-566, concept/partial demolition, reconstruction, rear and third story addition. [deferred at the request of ANC 2B].~~

DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

2122 P Street NW, HPA 23-512, concept/two-story roof addition. *The Board did not take a vote but encouraged the applicant to explore a more residential window expression and further setback options, particularly for the fifth floor, and return to the Board when ready.*

CONSENT CALENDAR OCTOBER 26

The Consent Calendar was approved on October 26 by a vote of 4-0.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Coolidge High School, 6315 5th Street NW, HPA 23-570, concept/addition and renovations
National Geographic Society, 1145 17th Street NW, HPA 23-567, concept/ramp and canopy

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3024 Macomb Street NW, HPA 23-520, permit/curb cut and driveway

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