



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

February 20, 2014

Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: Application to HPRB for construction (Tracking # 14-187) at 15 Dupont Circle
(Patterson Mansion)

Dear Chairwoman Pfaehler,

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0):

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project as presented for 15 Dupont Circle that includes the restoration of the historic residence, 15 Dupont Circle, a structure that is a significant and contributing structure to the historic overlay for Dupont Circle and to Washington, DC;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the demolition of a noncontributing two-story Annex to the east and supports the replacement of the Annex with an addition that has one below grade level, six full floors, and one partial floor set back from P Street;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the P Street facade design of the addition;

Whereas, this seven-story addition is respectful to the abutting properties proportions, and steps back at the seventh floor;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports this project as the design of the addition is offset an appropriate and significant distance from the historic mansion, permitting the addition will not detract or impose upon the mansion itself.

Whereas, the proposed seven-story addition will have a minimal connection to the home, and is designed to reflect the rhythms and similar proportions to the mansion, and the proposed project reads both as a subservient structure to the mansion while being designed to its own accord;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the design and use of materials for the addition and welcomes the project as an appropriate addition to this historic mansion, and to Dupont Circle;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the presented project and acknowledges the applicants commitment to working with the residents;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the presented project and acknowledges the applicants commitment to the exterior restoration of the mansion, and to maintaining and preserving the interior public rooms of the mansion for common space, specifically on the proposed first floor (second floor) where the original dinning room, living room and grand ball room are located; and

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the project as presented and appreciates the incorporation of green space being added to the project in the form of green roofs, and outdoor space provided.

Therefore be it resolved that ANC2B recommends support of this project.

Commissioners Leo Dwyer (leo.dwyer@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William F. Stephens

Will Stephens
Chairman

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