



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

October 21, 2016

Gretchen Pfahler, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: 1500 17th Street NW (HPRB #16-686)

Dear Chairwoman Pfahler:

At its regular meeting on October 13, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, the project is a proposed new construction on a vacant lot at the corner of 17th Street and P Street NW, within the Dupont Circle Historic District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC 2B),

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates construction at this long-vacant site,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the project as proposed feels somewhat out of place and has a very sharp—almost jarring—contrast to its historic context, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes the applicant should make several design changes to better incorporate this project into the historic character of Dupont Circle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B would support the project if the following alterations were made:

- A less overwhelming feeling of the bays by utilizing different materials
- Consider smaller windows on the east elevation
- Move the penthouse farther to the west so that it does not appear as large from the 1600-1700 block of P Street NW
- Soften the grey-brick color of the brick
- Ensure that the fence materials blend into the historic context

- Less industrial feeling of the entryway railings

Commissioners John Kupcinski (anc2b07@gmail.com) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair