



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

September 27, 2017

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: 1521 17th Street NW (HPRB #17-586)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its regular meeting on September 13, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 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 proposed project at 1521 17th Street NW is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and the confines of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes an addition and pop-back on the existing historic building,

WHEREAS, due to the configuration of Church Street NW and 1519 17th Street NW, any addition to the existing building would be visible from the street,

WHEREAS, views from the rear of the building are also critically important because the site backs onto Stead Park, a well-used and treasured community park,

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B typically would not support a project with a visible addition, ANC 2B makes an exception for this project based on the diverse built environment characteristics of this specific block of 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant’s attention to detail and execution of the rear facade of the project and supports retaining brick on this facade,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to remove the existing bay at 1521 17th Street NW in order to create accessible entryways to the retail and residential components of the project,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the currently-existing bay projection adds to the diverse and historic nature of the 17th Street NW corridor and urges the project to be adapted to maintain the spirit of the bay projection at the site, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B would appreciate more documentation of the specific front facade restoration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project if a bay projection were to be maintained at the storefront and the project continues to offer brick facades on all sides.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net) 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