



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

November 15, 2017

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: 1615 Riggs Place NW (HPRB #18-045)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its regular meeting on November 8, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, the project at 1615 Riggs Place NW is located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the property is on Riggs Place NW, which is one of the best preserved historic streets within Dupont Circle, and the house was designed by Harvey L. Page and is one of a series of rowhouses that were built in the 1890s,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes the demolition of a currently-existing rear addition on the first floor, to be replaced by a new addition which has less massing than the currently-existing addition,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the placement of the windows in the rear addition and the use of fiber cement lap siding for the exterior of the rear addition, and

WHEREAS, some portions of the plans are difficult to follow without full demolition plans and context photographs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed and would encourage the applicant to consider different facade materials which are more compatible with the surrounding context and consider replacing the first floor horizontal window with a vertical window which mimics the historic windows on the building and the block.

Commissioners Nick DelleDonne (nick.delledonne@dupontcircleanc.net) and Nicole McEntee (nicole.mcentee@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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole McEntee
Chair