



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

October 23, 2016

Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair  
Historic Preservation Review Board  
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RE: 1626 Riggs Place NW (HPRB #16-617)

Dear Chairwoman Pfaehler:

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 (7-1-0):

WHEREAS, the project at 1626 Riggs Place NW is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant’s willingness to work with neighbors and address concerns, including the removal of a previously proposed third story addition,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B further appreciates the applicant’s change of rear facade materials to brick as well as their limiting of rear addition to a ten foot popback,

WHEREAS, the property is on Riggs Place NW which is one of the best preserved historic streets within Dupont Circle, and the house is one of a set of five rowhouses that were built in 1893 and designed by Harvey L. Page, as well as one of thirteen adjacent row houses that were built in the 1890s and feature intact rear facades above the first floor,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B would like the HPRB to know that the second story addition at 1624 Riggs Place NW was built without permits and should not be considered precedent setting,

WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, additions to these homes on Riggs Place NW have been minor and one-story in nature, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B strongly urges the HPRB to consider the proposal's visibility from 17th Street NW.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B would support the project if the rear addition was limited to one story.

Commissioners Michael Upright ([2B04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B04@anc.dc.gov)) and Nicole Mann ([nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto: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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann  
Chair