



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

October 20, 2014

Carol Goldman, President
1310 19th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Resolution to nominate The L'Enfant Trust (1310 19th Street NW) for 2015 DC Historic Preservation Award.

Dear President Goldman,

At its regular meeting on September 10, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0).

Whereas, there are a number of abandoned homes within the Anacostia Historic District, some used for illicit purposes, and none adding to the quality of life of nearby residents; and

Whereas, these homes contribute to the historic significance of an important historic district, also home to the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site; and

Whereas, The L'Enfant Trust, a non-profit organization located within ANC 2B, has created the Historic Properties Redevelopment Program, through which the Trust locates, purchases, and rehabilitates these properties at a financial loss as their gift to the District of Columbia and the residents of Historic Anacostia; and

Whereas, the L'Enfant Trust has worked together with ANC 8A in identifying these properties and in planning their rehabilitation, seeking advice and forming a close partnership, and all have agreed that no tenants or homeowners shall be displaced during these projects; and

Whereas, the first such rehabilitation, at 2010 14th Street, SE, transformed a blighted crack house into a beautifully rehabilitated century-old home, and returned it to the city's housing stock, to the joy and complete support of neighbors; and

Whereas, the second such rehabilitation, at 1347 Maple View Place, SE, is near completion – also to a high standard of quality that retains the original architectural

features and materials, including the original wood siding, and utilizes reclaimed wood floors and bricks; and

Whereas, the L'Enfant Trust is recycling the money received from the sale of these homes (at a loss) on the open market, and they are working to cover their losses with grants, charitable donations, and money from their operating funds in order to acquire and rehabilitate additional blighted historic properties; and


Whereas, this Historic Properties Redevelopment Program has received great acclaim in print, radio and social media, bringing credit to historic preservation programs in Washington, DC:

Therefore, Dupont Circle ANC 2B is proud to nominate The L'Enfant Trust for the 2015 DC Historic Preservation Awards for the categories of Stewardship as well as Design and Construction, and we hail their partnership with ANC 8A, and we are proud to join with ANC 8A in this nomination, to demonstrate that when communities and neighborhoods work together in preserving our rich heritage, we all benefit.

Commissioners Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net) and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Noah Smith
Chairman