



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

July 15, 2014

Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: HPRB Application HPA #14-530 for construction at 1772 Church St (St Thomas Church) (2B07)

Dear Chairwoman Pfaehler,

At its regular meeting on July 9, 2014, 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 6-2. The Commission passed the following resolution:

ANC 2B supports the concept of the church portion of the project, however, we would like to see a further refined design and more refined material palate, as well as a better understanding of how the structure will exist in context with the adjacent building fabric on 18th Street.

ANC 2B supports the residential concept but is concerned that the massing presents an incongruous transition on Church Street with the rest of the block. We suggest that the designers revisit the massing with the intent of reducing bulk adjacent to the townhouses on Church Street with a more gradual increase in height from the east to west.

Given the importance of the large mature street trees along Church St, ANC 2B requests that the developer hire a professional arborist to recommend measures to protect the adjacent trees during the construction process.

Commissioners Leo Dwyer (leo.dwyer@dupontcircleanc.net), Stephanie Maltz (stephanie.maltz@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@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 blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens
Chairman

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