



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

May 21, 2019

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
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RE: 1733 16th Street NW Landmark Application (HPRB #19-05)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its special meeting on May 16, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-1-0):

WHEREAS, the structure of the Scottish Rite Temple is within the 16th Street Historic District with adjacent space within the 16th Street Historic District and the 14th Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the Scottish Rite Temple is a designated DC historic landmark,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that due to the method in which the site was landmarked in 1964, no specific boundaries were defined,

WHEREAS, the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA; applicant) has submitted an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board requesting that the boundary of the Scottish Rite Temple historic landmark be extended eastward to include the entirety of Lot 108, reaching to 15th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the expansion will encompass land that is currently vacant, having been cleared of the dwellings formerly occupying it between 1920 and the early 1990s, and currently contains a landscaped space which is not open to the public,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that the Supreme Council has engaged a developer to construct a residential apartment building on the space east of the temple, and

WHEREAS, upon public discussion ANC 2B believes that the application lacks the necessary research to support an expansion of the landmark designation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Historic Preservation Review Board clarifies and resolves the specific site of the existing historic landmark.

Commissioners Aaron Landry (2B04@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick
Chair