



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

June 19, 2019

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
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RE: 1521 Corcoran Street NW (HPRB #19-395)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its regular meeting on June 12, 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 (7-1-1):

WHEREAS, the proposed project is within the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the project is a partial third floor addition with solar panels on the roof and a renovation of the existing front patio to a pervious material,

WHEREAS, the project is trying to fulfill LEED for Homes certification by being energy efficient and using sustainable materials,

WHEREAS, the project seems well designed and fits within the historical context of the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, a flag test has already been completed and Historic Preservation Office staff have recommended pushing the profile of the addition further back to 19 feet from the front of the house so that it will not be visible from the street,

WHEREAS, neighbors were concerned about the height and mechanical look of the solar racks as well as the placement and proper disposal of trash,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates that after the ANC’s Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee meeting, the applicant created plans which would change the roof pitch so that, rather than the neighbors across the alley seeing the rear of a solar rack, the neighbors are seeing a building,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates that the applicant is proposing solar panel arrays, as the ANC believes that it is important that the neighborhood can generate electricity on premises and that solar panels are a way for individual property owners to fight climate change, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that solar panels have a place in the Dupont Circle Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Historic Preservation Review Board to support the project as proposed and to allow flexibility for Historic Preservation Office staff to approve the applicant making changes to the solar panels so that the applicant can maximize the efficiency of the clean electricity generated on site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the applicant to match the historic or current details of the doors, windows, and metal stairs as best as possible if the applicant determines that these need replacement.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Warwick
Chair