



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

October 25, 2017

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
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RE: 1520-1522 T Street NW (HPRB #17-662)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its regular meeting on October 11, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, the project as proposed is within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the U Street Historic District,

WHEREAS, the project proposes to combine two adjacent rowhouses into one single-family dwelling and to add a fourth story addition to both structures,

WHEREAS, these rowhouses are two of seven rowhouses built at the same time,

WHEREAS, the project will have many benefits, including removing unneeded gas and electric meters,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the applicant’s offer at our recent Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee meeting to retain the brick pattern arches on the rear of the structures where possible,

WHEREAS, the project currently proposes to remove one set of entry stairs because, when combined, the home will only need one entrance,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with interrupting the rhythm of the street by having a structure that is perceived from the street as a rowhouse not have front stairs, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages the applicant to retain the historic front doors of both rowhouses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed, provided that a flag test, which successfully determines that the addition will not be visible at eye-level from anywhere along the 1500 block of the T Street NW public space, is conducted, and that the historically-compatible stairs are provided where stairs currently exist at the entrance to both rowhouses.

Commissioners Scott Davies (2B09@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (daniel.warwick@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 Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair