

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

December 15, 2016

Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair Historic Preservation Review Board Office of Planning 1100 4th Street SW, Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024 historic.preservation@dc.gov

RE: 1721 20th Street NW (HPRB #17-074)

Dear Chairwoman Pfaehler:

At its regular meeting on December 14th, 2016, 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 (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the proposed addition to 1721 20th Street NW is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates several changes that the applicant made to its project in order to accommodate requests of the ANC and neighbors, including:

- 1. Moving the connector hallway from the existing building to the new construction from the north side to the south side in order to address light and air concerns of residents at the condominium on the north side of the building,
- 2. Restricting outdoor space (patios and roofdeck) to individual units in order to reduce the frequency of noise emanating from each space,
- 3. Making the interior court match the neighbor's court in depth so that no currently-existing light will be blocked from the new construction,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B further appreciates the applicant's restoration of a historic front facade, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages the applicant to work with Historic Preservation Office staff to further refine the materiality of the southern wall of the new construction, which will be visible from 20th Street NW looking down a private corridor, by considering indenting the wall and exploring a stucco exterior rather than cedar plank.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed.

Commissioners Amy Johnson (<u>amy.johnson@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) and Nicole Mann (<u>nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Nicole Mann

Chair