

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

July 22, 2013

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

RE: Application to HPRB for proposed renovations at 1451 S Street, N.W. (2B09)

Dear Chair Pfaehler,

At its regular meeting on July 10, 2013 the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With all nine commissioners present and voting, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (6-3):

WHEREAS this project is located within the U Street Historic District and intends to extend the lot coverage and add a third story; and

WHEREAS this third story addition is not visible from anywhere on the 1400 block of S St. NW, nor the intersection of 15th and S St. NW; and

WHEREAS the Dupont ANC 2B finds this project as presented to be in line with the historic character of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS the abutting property owners risk the loss of light and air quality, including from new construction several feet beyond that of the abutting property in the rear, a third story addition, and from the recent loss of a large mature tree in the backyard of 1451 S St NW; and

WHEREAS the designer has offered to work with neighbors to use materials and methods that are as least intrusive as possible to the historical character of the neighborhood and quality of life of neighbors.

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports this project as presented.

Commissioners Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), and Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens Chairman

Cc: Steve Calcott Kim Elliott