

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

August 1, 2018

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

RE: 1827-1829 M Street NW (HPRB #18-518)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its special meeting on August 1, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (3-2-1):

WHEREAS, the project is within the confines of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a 6-story rear addition to 1827-1829 M Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B previously considered this application at a publicly-noticed meeting on July 11th, 2018,

WHEREAS, subsequent to the July 11th meeting ANC 2B heard concerns regarding lack of communication and knowledge of the ANC meeting from several neighbors in the residential building on Jefferson Place NW which faces the proposed project across an alley,

WHEREAS, based on these unique circumstances and to incorporate concerns of these neighbors in the Commission's communication, which is entitled great weight, to the Historic Preservation Review Board, ANC 2B, with one week's public notice, called a special meeting of the Commission for August 1st to deliberate the matter again, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that there are several outstanding concerns with the proposed development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests a 30 business day delay of consideration of the project by the Historic Preservation Review Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes the previous resolutions of ANC 2B regarding this matter.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>2B06@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Chair

Attachment A

ANC 2B's Resolution from the ANC's July 11th, 2018 Meeting Regarding the Historic Preservation Review Board Application for 1827-1829 M Street NW

NOTE: ANC 2B voted to supercede Attachment A during the ANC's special meeting on August 1st, 2018.



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July 24, 2018

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

RE: 1827-1829 M Street NW (HPRB #18-518)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its regular meeting on July 11, 2018, 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 project as proposed is within the Dupont Circle Historic District and the confines of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B,

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a 52-unit boutique hotel and rear addition,

WHEREAS, the top stories of the proposed six-story rear addition will be somewhat visible from M Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B urges the applicant to reach out to the condominium owners across the alley from the project,

WHEREAS, the context of the north side of the 1800 block of M Street NW is commercially-oriented, tall three to four story rowhomes surrounded by taller buildings not in the historic district on surrounding blocks,

WHEREAS, the existing front stairway at 1829 M Street NW enters into the sidewalk and a reorientation of the stairway could provide additional pedestrian passage space along M Street NW, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the proposed massing of the rear addition could be supportable in the unique context of the block, but wishes to see full concept designs,

including materials, before determining whether the project as proposed should be supported.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B believes that the massing could be supportable and, if the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) wishes to review the massing application this month, urges the HPRB to require the applicant's full concept design with materials to be reviewed at a subsequent HPRB meeting with opportunity for ANC comment and not delegated to staff review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that HPRB considers the potential of reorienting the front stairway at 1829 M Street NW.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>2B06@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

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