ANC 2B DRAFT MOTION

1733 16th Street NW Landmarking Application

WHEREAS, the structure of the Scottish Rite Temple is within the 16th Street Historic District with adjacent space within the 16th Street and 14th Street Historic Districts, and;

WHEREAS, the Scottish Rite Temple is a designated DC historic landmark, and;

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that due to the method in which the site was landmarked in 1964, no specific boundaries were defined; and

WHEREAS the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA; Applicant) has submitted an application the DC Historic Preservation Review Board requesting the boundary of the Scottish Rite Temple historic landmark be extended eastward to include the entirety of Lot 108, reaching to 15th Street, and;

WHEREAS the expansion will encompass land that is currently vacant, having been cleared of the dwellings formerly occupying it between 1920 and the early 1990s, and currently contains a landscaped space which is not open to the public, and;

WHEREAS ANC 2B understands the Supreme Council has engaged a developer to construct a residential apartment building on the space east of the temple, and;

WHEREAS, upon public discussion ANC 2B believes the application lacks the necessary research to support an expansion of the landmark designation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ANC2B does not support the application, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC2B requests that the Historic Preservation Review Board clarify and resolve the specific site of the existing historic landmark.