



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

June 24, 2021

Marnique Heath, Chair  
Historic Preservation Review Board  
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RE: 1632 17th Street NW (HPRB #21-370)

Dear Chair Heath:

At its regular meeting on June 9, 2021, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-1):

WHEREAS, a concept application has been submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board for a proposed renovation and change of use in order to create a mixed-use building on Square 155, Lot 250 at 1632 17th Street NW, located in ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the property owner presented concept plans via Zoom to ANC 2B’s Land Use Committee (LUC) for review at its regular monthly public meeting on June 2, 2021,

WHEREAS, the project intends to add a fourth floor and penthouse to the building and alter the street-level storefront along 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed design incorporates a gambrel roof with arched dormer windows for the fourth floor and replaces the current exterior stair and stoop with street level retail space, windows, and entrance doors,

WHEREAS, the street-level redesign and treatment are welcome changes that are harmonious with the surrounding buildings and general charter of the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the proposed gambrel roof and dormers appear imposing and out of character with the neighboring buildings,

WHEREAS, committee members suggest a more contemporary styling for the fourth floor and penthouse additions to provide contrast and delineation of the original and additional construction,

WHEREAS, committee members suggest the penthouse should have a greater setback from the primary building elevation to mitigate visibility from 17th Street NW and nearby environs, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee feels that this project can be supported with the suggested changes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports this project with agreeable changes to address the concerns with the proposed fourth floor and penthouse additions.

Commissioners Robin Nunn ([2B03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B03@anc.dc.gov)) and William Herbig ([2B05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B05@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Robin Nunn  
Vice Chair