



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

March 22, 2022

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

RE: 1145 17th Street NW (HPRB #17-09 and HPRB #21-13)

Dear Chair Heath,

At its regular meeting on March 9, 2022, 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 DC Preservation League has submitted an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for the historic landmark designation of the building at 1145 17th Street NW (“Stone Building”), zoned D-6 and located within ANC 2B05, for the purpose of recognizing and preserving the building at that address,

WHEREAS, the National Geographic Society (NGS) has submitted an application to the HPRB for the historic landmark designation of the parcels located on the northern half of the block surrounded by L Street, 17th Street, M Street, and 16th Street NW, on which are located one building at 1145 17th Street NW (“Stone Building”), and two at 1156 16th Street NW (“Hubbard Hall” and “Administration Building and Addition”), zoned D-2 or D-6, for the purpose of recognizing the critical importance and significant contributions of the NGS to the culture of Washington, DC, the nation, and the world, and preserving the buildings and site which are the origin of the worldly contributions created by the NGS at those addresses, their international home,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B’s Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted nominations at its duly-noticed monthly meeting on March 2, 2022,

WHEREAS, each of the buildings is old enough to be eligible for historic preservation status, with Hubbard Hall, the Administration Building and Addition, and the Stone Building having been completed in 1904, 1912-1931, and 1964, respectively,

WHEREAS, the buildings were designed by a series of architects renowned during their years of work, including Hornblower & Marshall, Arthur B. Heaton, and Edward Durell Stone, respectively, and serve as distinctive examples of successive historical architectural movements, including classical revivalism and new formalism,

WHEREAS, members of the LUC agreed with the applicants that each of these buildings offers an important contribution to the architectural and cultural history of Washington, DC and should be considered as an ensemble in this matter,

WHEREAS, each of the two applicants agreed that the other applicant's proposal was complementary and non-conflicting with their own application, and

WHEREAS, by law, the HPRB gives "great weight" to recommendations in duly adopted ANC resolutions and carefully considers the views of community organizations and citizens per DC Code 1-309-10 (d)(3)(a).

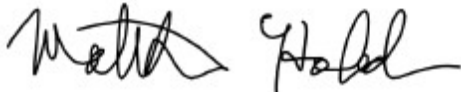
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports both proposed historic landmark designations as presented to HPRB.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the ANC's Chair, the Land Use Committee's Chair, and the ANC's Executive Director be sent copies of the final actions as approved by the HPRB and/or HPRB staff.

Commissioners William Herbig (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Matthew Holden (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Holden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Holden".

Matthew Holden
Chair