

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

October 14, 2010

Tersh Boasberg, Chairman Historic Preservation Review Board Office of Planning 801 North Capitol Street, NE Suite 4000 Washington, DC 20002 historic.preservation@dc.gov

Re: Follow up resolution in support of design concept for proposed addition to St Thomas Episcopal Church, 1772 Church Street NW, as requested by HPRB members.

Dear Chairman Boasberg,

At its regular meeting on October 13, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (8-0):

Be it resolved that ANC 2B commends St. Thomas Episcopal Church, the Dupont Circle Conservancy, the Office of Historic Preservation, and the Historic Preservation Review Board for working together to modify and improve the concept design for the proposed new sanctuary.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B agrees with DCC and offers its support of the concept design and urges HPRB approval;

And be it further resolved that ANC 2B takes note that numerous elements of the roof design include obvious religious symbolism, and are thus protected by federal civil rights law.

Commissioners Phil Carney and Mike Silverstein are the Commission's representatives in this matter. You can reach them at <a href="mailto:phil.carney@dupontcircleanc.net">phil.carney@dupontcircleanc.net</a> or 202-462-2776, or <a href="mailto:mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net">mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net</a> or 202-833-4440, for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair

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