

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



**HPRB ACTIONS**  
**April 22, 2021**

The Historic Preservation Review Board met virtually to consider the following items.

Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Matthew Bell, Alexandra Jones, Sandra Jowers-Barber, Gretchen Pfaehler. Absent: Linda Greene, Outerbridge Horsey.

**AGENDA**

**SCHOOL SIGNAGE: CITYWIDE**

Proposed design for new standardized school signage, including electronic messaging component, HPA 21-265. *The Board: (1) Found the DCPS standardized school signage design to be compatible with historic schools and historic districts within the District of Columbia; (2) determined that the digital screen element of the standardized school signage design warrants a waiver from Chapter 25, Section 2505.3 of HPRB's Sign Standards for all DC historic schools and historic districts except National Historic Landmark historic districts, conditioned upon strict adherence to the DCPS Digital Exterior Signage Guidelines; (3) required the final DCPS Digital Exterior Signage Guidelines to be revised in accordance with any final HPRB comments (e.g. LED text must be white on a black background etc.) and, (4) delegated design review of any minor departure from the standardized school signage to HPO, noting that any significant departure would require HPRB review. Vote: 6-0.*

**HISTORIC LANDMARK**

Mullett Rowhouses, 2519-2523 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, HPA 21-222, concept/ construct four-story rear building, fifth floor roof addition, subdivision.

*The Board approved the concept to subdivide and build the additions and alterations, with the conditions that: 1) the applicant address the staff report comments relating to doors, windows and storefront; 2) the stucco be removed from the side wall, if feasible; 3) the paint be removed from the façade, if feasible; 4) there be less demolition of the party wall near the front of the buildings, if feasible; 5) the penthouse be shrunk, and/or relocated to make it substantially less prominent on the roof; 6) a preservation plan for the treatment of the façade masonry, the windows and the tower roofing be developed; and 7) the project return for review of design development that addresses the previous conditions and allows more time for community discussion of the project. Vote: 6-0.*

**MOUNT PLEASANT AND MERIDIAN HILL HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

3060 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW (Kenesaw Apartments), HPA 21-219, concept/remove balconies.

*The Board supported reconstruction of the balconies as necessary but recommended against removal of these character-defining features as proposed as inconsistent with the purposes of the preservation law. The Board expressed a willingness to discuss the potential removal of a few that are partly obscured from public view but is interested in the application being supplemented by perspective renderings that better illustrate what the removals would look like. The Board acknowledged the ANC's resolution in favor of removing six balconies from the west side of the building, but the Board could not substitute the ANC recommendation for the request of the applicant, which was to remove all but one balcony from the building or, as a possible alternative, to ~~remove all those from the west side. Vote: 6-0.~~*

**CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

135 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE, HPA 21-212, concept/replace one-story garage with two-story garage.

*The Board found the original proposal to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District and delegated final approval to staff. Vote:6-0.*

**SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1402 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW, HPA 21-259, concept/fourth-floor roof addition, areaways.

*The Board approved the general concept for rear alterations, a roof addition on the condition that it is not visible from street view as documented through a field test mock up, and façade alterations for window and door replacement but found the sunken areaway in front of the building to be incompatible as proposed. The Board found that a much reduced window well, projecting no more than 3 feet from the face of the storefront and no wider than 7', reduced in depth to the sills of the proposed basement windows and capped by a removal grate over the areaway would be a compatible and encouraged the applicants to work with staff on this alternative proposal. Final approval was delegated to staff. Vote: 6-0.*

**U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**

2228 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, HPA 21-264, concept/three-story rear addition to two-story house.

*The Board found the concept compatible conditioned on the removal of the basement areaway stair in front of the front porch and pulling the third floor addition back by 3 feet in order to align with and retain the original rear wall of the house. Final approval was delegated to staff. Vote: 6-0.*

**CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The Chair acknowledged receipt of an email from several neighbors of 3410 Rodman Street NW requesting that the Board rescind its delegation of final approval of plans to HPO granted at the March meeting. The Chair announced that the Board would review the email and respond at the next HPRB meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following Consent Calendar items were approved by a vote of 6-0.

**BLOOMINGDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

6 Adams Street NW, HPA 21-215, concept/third story roof addition and three-story rear addition.

152 W Street NW, HPA 21-255, concept/two-story rear addition.

**CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

17 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE, HPA 21-254, concept/two-story rear addition.

223 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE, HPA 21-261, concept/roof addition.

508 Seward Square SE, HPA 21-266, concept/three-story rear addition.

602 E Street SE, HPA 21-256, concept/enclose rear second story balcony.

**CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT**

3056 Porter Street NW, HPA 21-267, concept/new front stoop and canopy, two-story rear addition and dormer.

**FINANCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

~~734 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, HPA 21-083, concept/penthouse addition, window and door replacement.~~

*[Deferred at the request of the ANC]*

The following Consent Calendar item was approved 5-0 (*Aurbach recused*).

**SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1110 Oak Drive SE, HPA 21-268, concept/retail structure and greenhouse.

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