GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



HPRB ACTIONS January 28 and February 4, 2021

The Historic Preservation Review Board convened a public meeting on January 28 and February 4 via WebEx.

JANUARY 28 MEETING

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

AGENDA

HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION HEARING

Colony Hill Historic District, HP Case 21-03, encompassing Hoban Road NW (all addresses) Hadfield Lane NW (all addresses); 1800 block 45th Street NW (all addresses); and 1699, 1701, 1709, 1717 Foxhall Road NW. The Board voted 5-3 to not support the HPO staff report recommending that the Colony Hill neighborhood be designated as a historic district. However, following the vote, the Chair acknowledged that the Board had not followed its required procedures in that it had not addressed the designation criteria or the ANC resolution. Accordingly, the Chair asked that the case be continued to the February 4th meeting.

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3000 Tilden Street NW (Tilden Gardens), HPA 21-052, permit/replace 1,483 windows.

The Board voted to deny recommendation of approval of the permit for window replacement and recommended the applicant develop a preservation solution for more of the original windows. Vote: 8-0.

WALTER REED HISTORIC DISTRICT

6900 Georgia Avenue NW, HPA 21-131, concept/new construction of five-story mixed use building.

The Board expressed general support for the concept's overall size and footprint, general massing and materials, but it did not vote approval. It instead requested that the project return with further development, so that the applicant may consider: whether the length of the building can be mitigated by either dividing it into more than one structure or creating more pronounced recesses; redesigning the storefronts with more consistency within each section of building and to relate better to the building above; revising the attic story with more depth and detail, but without the five-foot setback; adding more detail to the brick walls; and redesigning the balconies and door openings so that the latter relate better to the rest of the fenestration.

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1924 11th Street NW, HPA 21-124, permit/third floor addition and roof deck.

The Board recommended approval of the permit on the condition that the plans be revised to set the third story roof addition back on the rear ell an additional four feet and lowered two feet in height to ensure that the addition is not prominently visible from street view. Vote: 6-0.

1722 10th Street NW, HPA 21-100, concept/new construction, three-story residential building.

The Board approved the revised concept for the two-story house but found the partial third floor to be incompatible due to its visibility from street view. Vote: 6-0.

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT

50 Adams Street NW, HPA 21-129, concept/add rear stair and roof deck to house; add second story to one-story garage.

The Board found the concept for a one-story addition on top of the garage to be compatible given the lack of historic context to this alley and delegated final approval to HPO. Vote: 7-0.

FEBRUARY 4 MEETING

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

AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Overview of recently completed projects.

HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION HEARING

Colony Hill Historic District, HP Case 21-03, encompassing Hoban Road NW (all addresses) Hadfield Lane NW (all addresses); 1800 block 45th Street NW (all addresses); and 1699, 1701, 1709, 1717 Foxhall Road NW. The Board deliberated and discussed the application in the context of the designation criteria and the ANC resolution in support of the application. After substantive discussion, the Board voted 6-1 to support the application as meeting DC designation criterion F and National Register criterion C (notable works of creative masters) and voted 5-2 to support the application as meeting DC designation criterion D and National Register criterion C (architecture and urbanism). A motion to support the application as meeting DC designation criterion B and National Register criterion A (history) failed by a vote of 3-4.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

921 G Street SE, HPA 21-132, concept/fill in dogleg, add third story.

The Board voted to support a two-story rear addition but determined that a third story addition that was visible from street view in the front, side, and rear, with the addition establishing a new higher height than other buildings in this row, was incompatible. The Board addressed the ANC resolution in support of the application by explaining that its decision was consistent with how it had reviewed other similar applications. Vote: 4-2.

SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT

927 N Street NW, HPA 21-104, concept/construct three-story addition plus roof deck at alley.

The Board found the concept for a three-story addition rear addition to 927 N Street NW, to be compatible with the character of the historic district on the condition that it not be setback from the alley edge, and delegate final approval to staff. The Board noted that the application was supported by ANC 2F. Vote: 6-0

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

1353 Maple View Place SE, HPA 20-462, concept/new construction of two-story accessory dwelling unit at rear, front parking pad.

The Board found the parking pad and curb cut to be incompatible with the character of the Anacostia Historic District and that issuance of a permit for the rear addition ADU be contingent on its removal and restoration of the front yard to unpaved green space. Vote: 6-0.

2249 14th Street SE, HPA 21-127, concept/new construction of two-story house.

The Board approved the general concept, contingent on the conditions outlined in the staff report being addressed, and with final construction plan approval delegated to staff. Vote: 6-0..

1335 Maple View Place SE, HPA 21-049, revised concept/add additional story to existing house; add rear addition with balcony at rear.

The Board did not vote but provided comments that a one-story rear addition would be compatible, that converting the proposed basement space to additional living space (with additional windows on the side and rear) should be further explored, but that the proposed size and roof profile of the two-story rear/roof addition was not compatible.

CONSENT CALENDAR JANUARY 28

The Consent Calendar was approved on a vote of 8-0 except for the historic landmark designation and the Anacostia Historic District case which are recorded below.

HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, 801 7th Street SW, Case 21-07.

Approved by a vote of 7-0, Heath recused

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

1238-40 V Street SE, HPA 21-047, revised concept/new construction of duplex townhouses.

HPRB asks that the case come back with revised concept plans relating to board member recommendations.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

229 8th Street NE, HPA 21-091, concept/two-story accessory structure with garage.

DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1312 18th Street NW, HPA 21-133, concept/ front entrance vestibule including new window and door openings; rear addition.

SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT

930 O Street NW, HPA 21-123, concept/new construction of three-story rowhouse.

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1303 T Street NW, HPA 21-125, concept/third floor addition.

CONSENT CALENDAR FEBRUARY 4

The Consent Calendar was approved on a vote 6-0 (Greene, Horsey absent).

MOUNT VERNON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

441 M Street NW, HPA 20-287, concept/third floor addition to rear wing.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

819 7th Street NW, HPA 21-053, revised concept/6th story roof addition.

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