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HPRB ACTIONS
March 23 and March 30, 2023

The Historic Preservation Review Board met on March 23 and March 30, 2023 to consider the following items.

MARCH 23RD MEETING

The Historic Preservation Review Board met and considered the following items. Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Gretchen Pfaehler and Carisa Stanley Beatty. Absent: Matt Bell.

AGENDA

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

601 Massachusetts Avenue NE, HPA 23-040, concept/raze non-contributing building, construct three-story building.

The Board found the project, with design revisions outlined in the staff report and the stipulation that the brick exterior not be painted, to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District and delegated final approval to staff. Vote:4-0.

647 G Street SE, HPA 23-096, concept/rear addition; cellar addition; areaway.

The Board noted inconsistencies with the dimension and shape of the building outline throughout the updated drawings and had concerns with the accuracy of information presented. They did not vote and asked the applicant to revise for accuracy and consistency before returning for concept review.

GEORGETOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

3210 Q Street NW, HPA 22-287, concept/third-floor addition and rear addition.

The Board approved the concept for side and rear additions but not the third story, which is incompatible with the character of the subject property and the historic district, and it delegated further review to staff, with the understanding that the project will undergo further review by the Commission of Fine Arts. The Board found the size and massing of the prominently visible building to be character-defining, and that its support of the other additions to be persuasive that the property could be adapted, despite its size and shape. Vote: 4-0.

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1733 1st Street NW, HPA 23-218, permit/third floor addition. [deferred at the request of the applicant]~~

MOUNT VERNON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1245 5th Street NW, HPA 23-109, concept/side bay windows and areaways.

The Board found the concept of adding two projecting bays to the N Street side of the building to be compatible with the character of the historic district, but advised that the bays needed to be refined in detailing and lowered in height and that the areaways needed to be redesigned with metal grates over them or eliminated. Vote: 4-0.

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1254-1258 Talbert Street and 1309-1313 Morris Road SE, HPA 23-094, concept/new construction of six multi-unit townhomes. [This case deferred at the request of the applicant]~~

MARCH 30TH MEETING

The Historic Preservation Review Board met and considered the following items. Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Matt Bell, Gretchen Pfahler and Carisa Stanley Beatty.

AGENDA

HISTORIC DESIGNATION HEARING

Scottish Rite Temple amendment (boundary revision and period of significance), 1733 16th Street NW, Case No. 23-04.

The Board continued its deliberations to the June 29 meeting. Vote: 5-0.

HISTORIC LANDMARK

Brookland Bowling Alley, 3726 10th Street NE, HPA 22-328, revised concept/incorporate landmark into mixed-use residential and retail building.

The Board approved the revised design as compatible with the landmark and delegated final approval to staff. Vote: 5-0.

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2352 High Street SE, HPA 23-099, revised concept/new construction.

The Board approved the revised concept with recommendations that the colors be restudied, that the mansards be lowered if possible, that more brick be incorporated into the amenity space entrance, and that final review delegated to staff. Vote: 5-0.

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2420 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, HPA 23-225, concept/construct four stories on one-story building and adjacent five-story building.

The Board found the general height and number of stories of the proposal to be compatible but thought the design needed to be simplified with fewer façade elements and languages. The Board asked that the project come back for further review when ready.

GEORGETOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

3321 and 3323 Q Street NW, HPA 23-162, concept/subdivide to combine Lot 252 in Square 1278 with a portion of A&T Lot 807 and construction of a swimming pool.

The Board denied the concept, finding the proposed subdivision to be insufficiently retentive of the historic lot at 3323 Q Street, given the amount of land it would remove from it. The Board found the proposed irregular shape of the lots to be incompatible with the character of the Georgetown Historic District. Vote: 5-0.

SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT

1515 9th Street NW, HPA 23-215, concept/raze, new construction of six-story building.

The Board did not vote on the project but expressed concern with the height of the building, and asked the applicants to study removing a floor and/or lowering the front façade elements to either three or four stories, and to redesign the base of the building and areaways to improve how the building interfaces with the sidewalk. The Board also concurred with suggestions put forth in public testimony to restudy the window proportions and use of metal. The project should return to the Board for further review when ready.

1322 9th Street NW, HPA 23-221, concept/new construction of four-story building.

The Board did not take a vote on the project, expressed support for the height and general massing but found that the design had too much going on and needed substantial editing. The applicant was encouraged to revise the concept and return for further review.

CONSENT CALENDAR MARCH 23 MEETING

The consent calendar for March 23 was approved by a vote of 4- 0.

HISTORIC DESIGNATION HEARING

Smothers Elementary School, 4400 Brooks Street NE, Case 23-05.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

718 North Carolina Avenue SE, HPA 23-179, concept/two story rear addition.

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3401 Newark Street NW, HPA 23-217, concept/two story rear addition.

CONSENT CALENDAR MARCH 30 MEETING**~~TAKOMA PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT~~**

~~6901 Willow Street NW, HPA 23-178, concept/new construction of three-story apartment building. [This case deferred until the April meeting]~~

DENIAL CALENDAR MARCH 30 MEETING

~~LE DROIT PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT~~

~~304 T Street NW, HPA 22-437, concept/roof deck addition~~ *[This case removed from the docket at the request of the applicant]*

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