
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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| Landmark/District: | Capitol Hill Historic District | <input type="checkbox"/> Agenda |
| Address: | 527 6th Street, SE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept |
| Meeting Date: | April 23, 2015 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration |
| Case Number: | 15-282 | <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction |
| Staff Reviewer: | Sarah VanLandingham | <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision |

Applicant John Helms with plans prepared by architect Kim Jones seeks concept review for a rear addition in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

Built in 1961, after the period of significance for Capitol Hill, 527 6th Street SE is a non-contributing structure in the historic district. Spanning the full width of the 27' lot, it is a three-story unpainted brick rowhouse with some colonial-revival elements. The rear has a full-width deck.

Proposal

The plans call for removing the existing rear deck in order to build an addition spanning the width of the property and extending the house by 10'. The addition would be the same height as the existing house. It would be clad in fiber-cement siding and the rear elevation would have aluminum-clad six-over-six double-hung windows. A new deck off the back of the house would extend almost 11' beyond the rear wall and span just over half the width.

Evaluation

The proposed addition will not be visible from public space and does not substantially increase the footprint of the existing non-historic house. The materials for the addition are compatible with the historic district. The new rear deck should be either painted or stained for a finished look.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the concept to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District and delegate final approval to staff.