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

Property Address:	2154 Wyoming Avenue, NW	X	Agenda
Landmark/District:	Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District		Consent Calendar
Meeting Date:	December 16, 2010	X	Concept Review
H.P.A. Number:	11-069	X	Alteration
Staff Reviewer:	Steve Callcott		New Construction
			Demolition
			Subdivision

Architect Jeffrey Hains, representing owners Lisa Renstrom and Robert Perkowitz, seeks approval for façade alterations to a three-story row house in the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District. The house is one in a row of three originally unified by a common Georgian Revival design, however the subject house has since been altered with changes to the size of window and door openings. The building is listed in the National Register nomination as non-contributing based on its 1961 date of construction, after the 1945 end date for the district's period of significance.

Proposal

The scope of work calls for façade alterations that would enhance the building's traditional, Georgian Revival styling. Dressed stone would be applied to the first floor with arched door and window openings, single light casement windows on the upper floors would be replaced with multi-light double hung windows, a shallow bay window would be added to the center bay of the second floor, and the attic parapet dressed with stone trim.

New multi-light double hung sash windows and sliding doors would replace single light windows and doors on the rear, and a traditionally-styled pergola would replace the existing deck. The rear CMU garage would be clad in stucco, and finished with traditional windows and door.

Evaluation

One of the most noteworthy characteristics of Sheridan-Kalorama is the extremely sophisticated, academic quality of its architecture. The original architects and builders who contributed to the development of Sheridan-Kalorama were knowledgeable, rigorous and creative in applying the principles, order, and proportional consistency of classicism to its revival styled buildings. While the subject building and its row are not contributing to the character of the historic district, their original design, while not of the highest order, is generally consistent with that character. Unfortunately, the alterations that were made to modernize the house weakened its relationship with the row and the historic district. The proposed alterations will enhance the compatibility of the building with the district through its use of high quality materials and architectural detailing that is more in character with those prevalent in the neighborhood.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends approval of the proposed alterations as consistent with the character of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District, and that final approval be delegated to staff.