

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Historic Preservation Review Board
ACTIONS

The Historic Preservation Review Board met to consider the following items on September 25 and October 2, 2008. HPRB members present on September 25 were: Andrew Aurbach, Elinor Bacon, Tersh Boasberg, Catherine Buell, Maria Casarella, James S. Kane, Robert Sonderman and Joseph Taylor, and John Vlach.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATIONS

Billy Simpson's House of Seafood Steaks, 3815 Georgia Avenue NW, Case #06-09.

The HPO recommended the Board designate as a District of Columbia Landmark Billy Simpson's House of Seafood Steaks and that the application be forwarded to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Approved: 9-0.

Third Baptist Church, 1546 5th Street NW, Case #08-04.

The HPO recommended the Board designate as a District of Columbia Landmark the Third Baptist Church and that the application be forwarded to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Approved: 9-0.

Robert Gould Shaw Junior High School, 1616 Marion Street NW, Case #08-16.

The HPO recommended the Board designate Shaw Junior High School/McKinley Manual Training School at 7th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, NW to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. Staff further recommends that the nomination be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places under the Multiple Property Document "*Public School Buildings of Washington, DC: 1864-1960.*" Approved: 9-0.

Petworth Gardens (Webster Gardens) Apts., 124-130 Webster Street NW, Case #08-18.

The HPO recommended the Board designate the Petworth Gardens Apartments, 124, 126, 128 and 130 Webster Street, NW, a landmark to be entered in the D.C Inventory of Historic Sites and that the Board forward the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places with a positive recommendation for listing at the state level. Approved: 9-0.

HPO ANNUAL WORK PLAN FY 2009

The Review Board provided comments and recommendations for incorporation into the work plan. The final plan will be posted on the Office of Planning/Historic Preservation website in October.

SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT

8th and P Streets, NW, HPA 08-444, concept/seven new rowhouses.

The Review Board adopted the staff report approving the general concept with the following provisos: 1) trash storage should be accommodated into the rear of the site; 2) alternatives to the 30-foot access ramp in public space should be studied; 3) the blind windows on primary elevations should be eliminated and true fenestration provided; 4) the rear elevations should be restudied with regard to the proposed materials, fenestration and design of the decks. Approved: 9-0.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

~~Barker Lumber Warehouse (Bread for the City), 1525 7th Street NW, HPA 08-449, concept/side addition. This case was deferred at the request of ANC 2-C and will be heard at a later date.~~

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1407-09 T Street NW, HPA 08-433, concept/renovation and two-story addition.

The Review Board approved the conceptual design as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act with the following provisos: 1) the roof deck railing on the top of the post office should be studied and field tested to confirm that it won't be visible from the street; 2) the curb cut on T Street should be removed; 3) the signage and lighting should be simplified and submitted for review when appropriate. Final approval delegated to staff. Approved: 9-0.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

624 I Street NW, HPA 08-456, concept/renovation and six-story addition.

The Review Board adopted the staff report and approved the subdivision, and general height and massing of the addition as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act, with the project returning to the Board for preliminary review when appropriate. Approved: 9-0.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

227 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, HPA 08-315, concept/renovation and one-story addition.

The Review Board adopted the staff report and approved the addition with the following condition: the addition should be set back 25' from the front elevation, delegating final approval to staff. Vote: 5-4. For – Bacon, Boasberg Casarella, Sonderman, Vlach; Against - Aurbach, Buell, Kane, Taylor.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

2110 19th Street, NW, HPA 08-440, concept/alteration, new construction, roof addition.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board approve the project as proposed and delegate final approval to staff. Approved: 8-0, Taylor, absent.

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3154 Highland Place NW, HPA 08-446, concept/alteration, addition, garage.

The Review Board adopted the staff report and approved the new construction with the following condition as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act, delegating final approval to staff; The front (Highland Place) yard addition should be pulled away from the main body of the house in order to allow the second story gable to be in full view. Approved: 7-0 ; Abstain – Boasberg; Absent –Taylor.

POTENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (GW HISTORIC DISTRICT)

2013 H Street, NW, HPA #08-362, concept/alteration and construction of seven-story addition.

The Review Board declined to take any action on the application, but provided the applicant with some feedback as to the proposal and stated that the applicant should return to the Board for additional conceptual or preliminary review when appropriate.

OCTOBER 2, 2008

This was a continuation of the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of September 25, 2008. HPRB members present on October 2 were: Andrew Aurbach, Tersh Boasberg, Catherine Buell, Maria Casarella, Robert Sonderman and Joseph Taylor.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, HPA #08-309, concept/alteration and new construction of eleven-story apartment addition.

The Board encouraged the applicant to pursue an expeditious agreement in its discussions with community groups and the District, and to continue with its development of architectural plans for the project.

The Board encouraged the applicant to return for concept approval as soon as possible after the conclusion of an agreement and after refinement of the concept plans. The Board requested that the applicant investigate four specific areas of the concept design, and to submit information on the range of massing proposals considered during the development of the concept. Approved 6-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

The Historic Preservation Review Board considered the following consent items on September 25, 2008. These items were proposed for approval by the Board based upon the written record, without discussion.

The Consent Calendar was approved by a vote of 8-0 following the removal of 400-1418 U Street and 1913-11944 14th Street, NW, HPA #08-033 from consideration.

Historic Landmarks

2101 Constitution Avenue NW, National Academy of Sciences, concept/rehabilitation and addition.

The HPO recommended that the Board approve the project as designed and delegate final approval to staff.

Capitol Hill Historic District

645 E Street, SE, HPA #08-435, carport/ pergola in rear yard.

The HPO recommended that the Board approve the alteration as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act.

1328 A Street, SE, HPA #08-371, construction of two-car garage in rear yard.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board approve the new construction as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegate final approval to staff with the following conditions: 1) The alley facing windows should be restudied as directed above; 2) The side elevations should be clad in brick or stucco.

Cleveland Park Historic District

3501 30th Street, NW, HPA #08-442, concept/alterations and construction of two-story rear addition.

The HPO recommends that the Review Board approve the addition and alterations as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegate final approval to staff.

3511 Idaho Avenue, NW, HPA #08-448, concept/alterations and one-story rear addition.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board approve the addition as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegate final approval to staff.

3514 Rodman Street, NW, HPA #08-439, concept/construction of two-story rear addition.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board approve the proposed addition with the following condition and delegate final approval to staff: 1) the massing of the rear addition should be restudied as directed above.

Mount Pleasant Historic District

3150 17th Street, NW, HPA #08-438, concept/construction of one-story rear sunroom addition.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board approve the addition and alterations to the front yard as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegate final approval to staff.

Sheridan-Kalorama Historic District

2160-62 California Street, NW, HPA #05-337, extension request for previously-approved concept.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board not reopen the case and grant a two-year extension to the approved concept.

U Street Historic District

1201 T Street, NW, HPA 08-447, concept/alterations, minor additions to corner house.

The HPO recommended that the Review Board approve the conceptual design and delegate final review to staff with the following conditions: 1) the door and stair heights on the 12th Street façade of 1201R Street NW are not altered and 2) the original cast iron stairs of 1201R T Street NW are retained and reinstalled.

~~1400-1418 U Street and 1913-11944 14th Street, NW, HPA #08-033, revised concept/new construction, reduction of height from ten to nine stories. This case was removed from the Consent Calendar due to insufficient information in the plans about the expanded penthouses.~~

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