

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



HPRB ACTIONS
FEBRUARY 22, 2007

The Historic Preservation Review Board met and considered the following items on February 22, 2007.

TAKOMA PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

6916 through 1926 Willow Street and 6929 through 2963 Maple Street NW, HPA #07-015, concept/new construction.

The staff report recommending the Review Board approve the conceptual site plan, height, massing and general architectural treatment, was approved with the applicants to continue working with the HPO and community on further developing the proposal and return for final review when appropriate. Vote 7-0.

LEDROIT PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

1822 4th Street NW, HPA #06-464, rear addition, demolish garage, alterations.

The staff report recommending that the Board *approve in concept* the plans for the addition, with the removal of the front parking pad and with the condition that the kitchen windows be altered as recommended only if the interior plans make such an alteration necessary and delegation to staff review of revised working drawings (including details such as the cornice of the addition) The staff report also recommending the Board *deny* the demolition of the remainder of the carriage house and order its reconstruction, be followed with staff review and the consequent reconfiguring of the parking. Vote 7-0.

1837 4th Street NW, HPA #07-074, rear addition.

The staff report recommending the Board request revisions of the application in one of two ways: (1) That the structure is reduced to one story in height; or (2) that the structure is either scratch-built with materials and elements more characteristic of a traditional enclosed, two-story porch or that it be customized, in consultation with staff, with appropriate exterior cladding materials (including wood and/or fiber-cement board at panels and posts) so as to look more like a traditional, two-story porch. In either case, the addition should be constructed so that its roof attaches to the house's rear wall below the original eave line. Vote 7-0.

SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT

1553 and 1555 9th Street NW, HPA #06-456/457, concept/new construction.

The staff report recommending the Board approve the conceptual design as presented, and return to the Board for further review after further design development, and with the following addendums by the Board: adjust proportion of attic story windows and integrate windows with cornice; reduce amount of basement fenestration; replace window surrounds with sills only; resolve transition to open porch and remove cresting from corner projection. Vote 7-0

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Old French Embassy, 2400 16th Street NW, HPA #07-097, public space alterations.

The Board recommended approval of a public space permit to widen the north curb cut at the property with the condition that the owner, in consultation with and with the approval of staff, restore the overall shape of the former semicircular driveway, even if widened, and restore a substantial amount of landscaped space around the driveway. Vote 6-1.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~814 L Street SE, Raze #06-162, raze frame building.~~ **This case was postponed.**

49 D Street SE, HPA #07-096, rear addition.

The staff report recommending that the Board approve the addition as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act was approved with the following additional requirements from the board: (1) lower slightly the height of the addition; and (2), add stucco finish on the basement level of the addition. Vote 7-0.

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1353 U Street NW, HPA #07-107, concept/roof addition.

The staff report recommending the Board approve the project in concept and delegate final approval to staff was approved. Additionally, the Board made minor modifications including reducing the height of the addition and increase the setback for the roof addition. Vote 7-0.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

709-11 D Street NW, HPA #06-386, non-contributing demolition, alteration, addition.

The staff report recommending the Review Board approve the alterations to the building at 709 D Street and the demolition of the non-contributing building at 711 D Street and its replacement with a new five-story building be approved with the following conditions and delegate final approval to staff: (1) the design of the storefront should be revised, with the base raised and the storefront projecting and angled; (2) the cornice above the first floor should project out to a greater depth; (3) the treatment of the windows in the portion of the façade above the main entrance should be restudied; (4) the number of openings in the interior to allow for connections between the two buildings should be reduced in order to preserve as much of the original structure of 709; and (5) the treatment and location of the rooftop penthouse structure should be restudied, with the penthouse pushed back in order for its visual impact to be reduced as much as possible. Vote 7-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

The Historic Preservation Review Board met and considered the following consent items on February 22, 2007. These items were approved by the Board based upon the written record, without discussion.

Historic Landmark Nominations and Multiple-Property Thematic Document

Multiple-property thematic document, Memorials in Washington, D.C., Case #07-04 including the following individual nominations:

Samuel Hahnemann Monument, Case #07-05, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Avenues, NW
 Daniel Webster Memorial, Case #07-06, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Avenues, NW
 Guglielmo Marconi Memorial, Case #07-07, 16th and Lamont Streets, NW
 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Memorial, Case #07-08, Connecticut Avenue and M and 18th Streets, NW
 Francis Griffith Newlands Memorial Fountain, Case #07-09, Connecticut and Western Avenues, NW at Chevy Chase Circle
 Union Station Plaza/Columbus Plaza/Columbus Fountain, Case #07-10, Massachusetts, Louisiana and Delaware Avenues and 1st Street, NE
 Temperance Fountain, Case #07-11, 7th Street and Indiana Avenue, NW
 Samuel Gompers Memorial, Case #07-12, Massachusetts Avenue and 10th and L Streets, NW
 James Cardinal Gibbons Memorial, Case #07-13, 16th Street and Park Road, NW
 Cuban Friendship Urn, Case #07-14, Ohio Drive at 14th Street Bridge, SW
 General Jose de San Martin Memorial, Case #07-15, Virginia Avenue and 20th Street, NW
 Francis Asbury Memorial, Case #07-16, 16th and Mount Pleasant Streets, NW
 Titanic Memorial, Case #07-17, Southwest Waterfront Park, Water and P Streets, SW

The staff report recommending the Board adopt the Multiple Property Document: *Memorials in Washington, D.C.* and that it forward the document to the National Register of Historic Places, was approved without comment. The report also recommended the Board allow staff to develop National Register Nominations on an on-going basis on monuments and memorials that are currently not individually designated, but that warrant individual recognition on par with those already so recognized or those being recognized.

Memorials: All of the thirteen referenced monuments meet Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places with Art as the Area of Significance. The staff report recommending the Board approve the memorials for listing in the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites and forward the nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for listing in that Register. Staff also recommends that the additional documentation for the National Register-listed Union Station be approved and forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places.

Finally, the staff report recommended that memorials be listed in the *District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites* primarily as examples of “Artistry,” and frequently as works of “Creative Masters” (HPRB Designation Criteria E and F, respectively), but the Columbus Plaza and Fountain is a significant expression of City Beautiful urban planning, siting and design (Criterion D). Although the Columbus Plaza and Fountain are already listed in the Inventory, it is recommended that the additional documentation be accepted as an amendment to the existing designation.

Potential Historic Landmark Nomination

~~4528 Fessenden Street, NW, HPA #07-xxx, concept/addition.~~ **Case withdrawn.**

Capitol Hill Historic District

507 C Street NE, HPA #07-095, third floor addition at rear.

The staff report recommending the Review Board approve the project in concept contingent upon recommended changes outlined in the document with final approval to staff was approved without comment.

521 11th Street SE, HPA # 04-438, revised concept/rear and roof addition.

The staff report recommending the Review Board approve the addition as designed and delegate final approval to staff was approved without comment.

432 New Jersey Avenue SE, HPA #04-141, revised concept/side, rooftop, and rear addition.

The staff report recommending Board approval of the project in concept and delegate final approval to staff was approved without comment.

706 East Capitol Street NE, HPA #06-545, concept/addition.

The staff report recommending Board approval of the project without approval of a proposed glass canopy and delegate final approval to staff was agreed to without comment.

Cleveland Park Historic District

3509 Idaho Avenue, NW, HPA #07-102, alteration, enclosing/re-cladding two-story rear porch.

The staff report recommending conceptual approval contingent on the following alterations to the design was approved without comment with final approval delegated to staff: (1) the flat tile roof should be substituted for a flat, metal, standing-seam roof; and (2) the small parapet shown in elevation drawings should be eliminated in favor of a simple cornice.

The staff recommending Board approval of the project in concept, contingent upon written recommendations outlined above, and delegate final approval to staff was approved without comment.

LeDroit Park Historic District

318 T Street, NW, HPA #07-093, two-story rear addition.

The staff report recommending Board approval of the application with the condition that all of the exterior walls be clad with true, buff-colored stucco or a consistent, fiber-cement clapboard siding, was approved without comment.

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