

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



AGENDA
JULY 24, 2008

The Historic Preservation Review Board met and considered the following items on July 24, 2008.
HPRB members present: Andrew Aurbach, Elinor Bacon, Tersh Boasberg (Chair), Catherine Buell, Maria Casarella, James Kane, Bob Sonderman, Joseph Taylor, John Vlach.

HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION

Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Case #08-17.

The Board designated the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, as a landmark to be entered in the D.C Inventory of Historic Sites. Approved 5-2. Recusals: Bacon and Kane.

HISTORIC LANDMARK

Convent of Bon Secours, 4101 Yuma Street, HPA #08-366, addition.

The Board supported the concept, directing the applicant to develop more detailed drawings; to revise the new front porch; to pay particular attention to minimizing paving and to providing landscape, particularly as screening for the parking; and to explore with the staff the potential of there being archaeological resources on the site. Vote: 7-2.

FOGGY BOTTOM HISTORIC DISTRICT

912 25th Street, NW, HPA #08-157, reconstruction of roof addition.

The Board approved in concept the reconstruction of the rooftop addition as redesigned, with a delegation to staff of approval of a permit, with the conditions that any front roof deck elements and skylights not be visible from the ground and that the brick chimney stack forward of the addition not be raised further (and perhaps be removed or at least partly replaced by a smaller stack or flue pipes). Vote: Approved by a vote of 9-0.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

326 9th Street, SE, HPA #08-361, concept/third-story addition and rear addition.

The HPO recommended the Board approve the addition as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegate final approval to staff. Vote: Approved, 6-3

1131 D Street, NE, HPA #07-337, concept/alterations and two-story side addition.

The staff report recommended the Review Board approve the addition and alterations as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act with the following conditions and delegate final approval to staff: (A) The location of the deck and balcony and means of access should be restudied as directed; (B) The fencing on the site should be restudied as directed; (C) The first floor projecting bay should have a wooden commercial storefront appearance. Approved by a vote of 9-0.

227 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, HPA #08-315, concept/one-story addition and restoration of storefront.

By a vote of 9-0, the Review Board approved the restoration of the commercial storefront and rear addition. The board voted 5-4 against bringing any third floor addition out to the front of the building. The Board did not take a position on whether any third floor addition at all was possible or whether it might allow such an addition if it would be only minimally seen from the sidewalk on the opposite side of Pennsylvania Ave; but it was clear that neither Option 1 (1/1 setback) or Option 2 (25 foot setback) would be allowable. The applicant is free to return to the Board at a future meeting with a revised design that addresses the concerns raised by the Board.

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

901 R Street, NW, HPA 08-355, alteration/windows.

The staff report was approved 8-1 recommending the Review Board deny the application as inconsistent with the purposes of the preservation act, and direct the applicant to work with HPO to replace the six windows on the R Street elevation with compatible windows.

~~1400-1418 U Street and 1912-1944 14th Street, NW, HPA #08-033, revised concept/new construction. This case is deferred to September.~~

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW (American Federation of Labor), HPA #08-281, concept/construction of convention center hotel.

The staff report recommended the Board support the proposed project concept and urge the project team to continue refinement of the plans in consultation with the SHPO staff, Board, and other review agencies.

The report further recommended that the project team continue to develop the preservation treatments of the AFL building consistent with the preservation stewardship responsibilities of the D.C. government and the purposes of the preservation law which include “to encourage the restoration of historic landmarks.” Approved, 7-0. Recusals: Bacon, Buell.

Third Church of Christ, Scientist, 900 16th Street, NW, HPA #08-141, raze.

The staff recommends that the Board recommend denial of the raze permit application as inconsistent with the purposes of the preservation act. The application was denied by a vote of 6-0. Recusals: Casarella and Kane.

CONSENT CALENDAR

JULY 24, 2008

The Historic Preservation Review Board considered the following consent items on July 26 2008. These items were proposed for approval by the Board based upon the written record, without discussion. **Approved 9-0 with the exception of 19 4th Street, NE which was approved without comment by a vote of 8-0-1, board member Casarella abstaining in the individual case decision.**

Capitol Hill Historic District

1116 C Street, SE, HPA #08-314, second-story rear addition.

The HPO recommended the Review Board approve the addition and alterations as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act.

320 12th Street, SE, HPA #08-320, two-story rear addition with roof deck.

The HPO recommended the Review Board approve the addition as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act.

19 4th Street, NE, HPA #08-321, concept/rear addition and alterations to front elevation.

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

Cleveland Park Historic District

3101 Highland Place, NW, HPA #08-359, concept/alterations and construction of side porch and rear addition.

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

Downtown Historic District

614 I Street, NW, HPA #08-376, concept/rear addition and alterations to front elevation.

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

Foxhall Village Historic District

4423 Greenwich Parkway, NW, HPA #08-354, concept/rear addition.

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

LeDroit Park Historic District

1906 3rd Street, NW, HPA #08-368, 3rd story rear addition with roof deck.

The HPO recommended the Review Board approve the application with the following conditions: 1) The privacy fence of the roof deck is removed from the proposal and 2) the staff is provided with material specifications for the new doors, windows, and roofing material.

1908 3rd Street, NW, HPA #08-369, 3rd story rear addition with roof deck.

The HPO recommended the Review Board approve the application with the following conditions: 1) The privacy fence of the roof deck is removed from the proposal and 2) the staff is provided with material specifications for the new doors and windows.

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