

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



HPRB ACTIONS
MAY 28, 2009

The Historic Preservation Review Board met to consider the following items on May 28, 2009.

The following members were present: Andrew Aurbach, Elinor Bacon, Catherine Buell, Maria Casarella, James Kane, Robert Sonderman, Joseph Taylor, and John Vlach. Absent: Tersh Boasberg.

INFORMATIONAL

Revised guideline: Masonry Maintenance and Repair.

Informational presentation only. No Board action was taken.

LANDMARK NOMINATION HEARING

Meads Row, 1305, 1307, 1309 and 1311 H Street, NE, Case #09-05.

The Board voted to not designate the properties a District of Columbia landmark and made a negative recommendation for listing the properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Vote: 5-3. For - Aurbach, Buell, Casarella, Sonderman and Vlach. Against - Bacon, Kane, Taylor.

HISTORIC LANDMARK (PENDING)

Meads Row, 1309 and 1311 H Street, NE, Raze #07-58 and #07-59.

The designation of the properties was not approved by the Board therefore the raze application was not considered.

LOGAN CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

~~1207 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, HPA #09-234, alteration/vinyl windows.~~

This case was withdrawn for consideration at a later date at the request of the applicant.

SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DISTRICT

2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (East Campus), HPA #09-263, preliminary/ installation of temporary water lines for fire suppression.

For the purposes of the Board's permit review of the water system according to the compatibility criterion that is its province, the staff recommended that the Board, in turn, recommend:

- 1. denial of the proposed above-ground water lines as incompatible with the character of the historic district, *with the exception* of the work in "Phase I," namely the installation of a pump near Alabama Avenue and a single, temporary line to connect the existing fourteen-inch main with the new hospital building and the John Howard Pavilion, as long as this line can be installed to avoid visual effects to the front of the dairy barn and horse barn, with delegation to staff of review of this aspect and any necessary archaeological work;**
- 2. that necessary lines be installed underground, with appropriate archaeological investigation prior to excavation, and that appropriate measures are taken to not negatively impact existing above ground historic structures.**
- 3. that the present application be referred to the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation for a decision;**
- 4. that if the Mayor's Agent approves the present application, that the Mayor's Agent at least condition the approval to make certain that the water system avoids disturbing plantings; that it avoids disturbing archaeological resources without appropriate investigation; that it avoids placing an underground line across the likely footprint of a potential FEMA headquarters; and that a**

better timetable for replacement of the system with a permanent underground one be provided;
and

5. that these conditions be incorporated into a Memorandum of Agreement to conclude consultation on the District undertaking.

Vote: 7-0 for adoption of the report with additions: Aurbach, Bacon, Buell, Kane, Sonderman, Taylor, and Vlach. Recused: Casarella

MOUNT VERNON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

451-453 Ridge Street, NW, HPA #09-244, concept/new construction of a two-flat residence.

The HPO recommended that the Board find the design for the new brick 2-storey, 2-flat building compatible with the historic character of the Mount Vernon Square Historic District, grant Concept Approval to the new construction and delegate final approval to staff. Staff report approved, 8-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Historic Preservation Review Board considered the following consent items on May 28, 2009. **The items proposed for approval by the Board based upon the written record, without discussion, were approved by a vote of 8-0 with the exception of HPA #09-229 (3539 Quebec Street, NW) which is reported below.**

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

1214 U Street, SE, HPA #09-222, two-story rear addition and alterations.

The existing addition is subordinate to and compatible in scale, pattern of fenestration, and roofline with the original portion of the house. The other alterations are restorative in nature and consistent with the Board's preservation standards. The HPO recommended approval of the project and delegation of final review and approval of details and finishes to the staff.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

307 9th Street, SE, HPA #09-185, two-story rear addition.

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

511 3rd Street, SE, HPA #09-231, concept/two-story rear addition.

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

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3204 Highland Place, NW, HPA #09-221, concept/rear addition.

The HPO recommended that the Board approve the addition in concept and delegate final approval to staff.

3539 Quebec Street, NW, HPA #09-229, concept/rear addition and garage demo.

The HPO recommended that the Board approve the addition in concept with direction to remove the side transoms and delegate final approval to staff. Approved, 7-0. For -Aurbach, Bacon, Buell, Kane, Sonderman, Taylor, Vlach. Recused – Casarella.

LEDROIT PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

319 T Street, NW, HPA #09-223, concept/one-story rear addition and roof deck.

The staff recommended that the Board approve the application with the conditions that the “deck utility wall” be reduced to the adjacent railing height or be eliminated, and that the stair to the roof deck be pulled back a few feet so that the deck can be entered from the side and not the rear.

MOUNT PLEASANT HISTORIC DISTRICT

3136 19th Street, NW, HPA #09-225, two-story rear addition.

The staff recommended that the Board approve the application as presented.

MOUNT VERNON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1213 4th Street, NW, HPA #09-107, revised concept/new three-story row house.

The staff recommended that the Board give concept approval to the revised design and delegate final approval to staff with the condition that the side and rear elevations be clad in brick or parging.

U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1332 T Street, NW, HPA #09-232, concept/one-story brick garage.

The staff recommended that the Review Board approve the conceptual design and delegate final review to staff.

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