# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



# HPRB ACTIONS September 22, 2011

The Historic Preservation Review Board met on September 22, 2011 and considered the following items. Present: Catherine Buell, Chair; Elinor Bacon, Tersh Boasberg, Maria Casarella, Christopher Landis, Pamela Scott, Robert Sonderman and Joseph Taylor.

#### **AGENDA**

#### **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Guidelines for Window Repair and Replacement: Consideration of draft.

Consideration only; no action taken. Anticipated adoption of final guidelines at October meeting.

## PRESERVATION PLANNING

Historic Preservation Plan for the District of Columbia, 2012-2015: Status report.

Discussion only; no action taken.

## LANDMARK DESIGNATION HEARING

Marjorie Webster School and Junior College Campus, 1638-1640 Kalmia Road and 7753-7775 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Case #10-14.

The Board designated the property as the Marjorie Webster Junior College Historic District and recommended that the nomination be forwarded to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places with three contributing buildings (Main School, Webster house, and springhouse) and two non-contributing buildings (Fraser Hall and Parkside). Approved: 8-0.

## HISTORIC LANDMARKS

The Harrison (Canterbury), 704 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-343, concept/eleven-story addition and substantial demolition and reconstruction.

The Board approved the project in concept, with a delegation to staff of further review, with the conditions that the applicant retain, repair and incorporate the brick stairwell/elevator core and the floors extending out from it to, and including, the four surrounding steel columns, as well as the large, hexagonal lightwell; that alternatives to reconstruction of the damaged bays of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street elevation be explored; that the earliest fire escapes be retained; that a high standard will be applied to restoring the remaining fabric of the landmark and replacing elements such as windows; that the brick of the new building will be sufficiently distinct but not jarringly different from the landmark; and that the bays receive consideration as to the orientation of the windows, the possibility of raising the bottom of the east bays one story and the introduction of spandrel panels, and that in any case, much care be given to the development of the details of the mullions and the use of appropriate, clear-glass units. Vote: 8-0.

## ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

13th and W Streets, SE, HPA #07-433, revised concept/subdivision, construction of 23 dwellings and reconstruction of demolished historic building.

The Board approved the design in concept, with delegation to staff of further review, with the conditions that the V Street building be limited to two stories of height; the applicant satisfactorily address the issues raised in the staff report; and that the applicant careful revise and develop the balcony details on the Type

2 houses, the stairs, the siding on the Type 3 houses, and the width of the alley and the continuation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk and vegetation along it. Vote: 8-0.

1108-1110 Good Hope Road, SE, HPA #11-468, storefront construction.

The Board did not approve the application as submitted, and recommended that the applicant revise it with removal of some of the steel bars, as outlined in the staff report. Vote: 8-0.

## U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

2001 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-407, concept/construction of nine-story apartment building.

The HPRB approved the general concept, advising the applicant to continue refining the proportions and design of the corner projection and the amount and treatment of glass. The project will return for further review when appropriate. 8-0.

## SIXTEENTH STREET AND DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICTS

1328 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-397, concept/construction of nine-story apartment building.

The HPRB approved the concept as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act, and delegated final approval to staff, 8-0.

# CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3414 29th Street, NW, HPA #11-400, six-foot-tall front fence.

The Board found the 6'0" fence installed in the front yard of the property without permit approval to be inconsistent with the character of the Cleveland Park Historic District; the rear yard 6'0" high fence was approved. 8-0.

## MOUNT VERNON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1225 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-375, concept/subdivision and alterations, two-story side addition on two-story rowhouse.

The Board provided a variety of ideas for improving the compatibility of the addition, and advised the applicant to restudy the proposal and return to the Board after further development. Vote: 8-0.

471 M Street, NW, HPA #11-474, concept/third-story addition on two-story flats.

The case was deferred to the October meeting.

## SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT

1220 and 1224 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-464 and 465, concept/four-story rear and roof additions on three-story rowhouses.

The case was deferred to the October meeting.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The HPRB approved by a vote of 8-0 the following items, with the following comments, on the consent calendar:

## BLAGDEN ALLEY/NAYLOR COURT HISTORIC DISTRICT

1321-25 Naylor Court, HPA #11-466, concept/new construction.

## CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

713 E Street, NE, HPA #11-469, concept/one-story rear addition to one-story house.

The Board approved the concept, but asked that better quality drawings be developed and that the project return to the Board for final permit review.

327-331 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #11-475, concept/storefront alterations and façade alterations.

The Board approved the concept and delegated final approval to staff.

## **DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

801 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-484, concept/alterations and additions.

The Board approved the concept, contingent on the one-story addition on 7<sup>th</sup> Street being pulled back sufficient to ensure that it won't be visible from the street, and delegated final approval to staff.

#### **DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1914 S Street, NW, HPA #11-320, concept/demolition of two-story frame structure.

## U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

1905-1917 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #11-323, revised concept/new construction, seven story retail and residential building.

The Board commended the architect and developer for working with the community to develop a more compatible design with additional setbacks, and asked that the fenestration continue to be refined to give the building a more residential appearance.

1932 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, HPA #09-393, revised concept/new construction, four story retail and residential building. **The Board project was removed from the consent calendar and scheduled for the October meeting agenda** 

## CONSENT DENIAL

## **DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1701 Q Street, NW, HPA #11-417, sign permit.

The HPRB found the proposed sign incompatible with its location in the Dupont Circle Historic District and inconsistent its sign standards and the purposes of the preservation act. Vote: 8-0.

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