

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING



PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATION REVIEW

DATE: June 10, 2010
FROM: Chris Shaheen
ADDRESS: 4515 Q Place, NW
APPLICATION: Curb cut and driveway

Site Information

Zone: R-1-B
Historic District: No
CFA: No
Neighborhood Character: Residential

Background:

The Office of Planning received the public space application for review on May 7, 2010.

Relevant Policies of Planning Initiatives

Policy UD-2.2.1 Neighborhood Character and Identity

Strengthen the defining visual qualities of Washington's neighborhoods. This should be achieved in part by relating the scale of infill development, alterations, renovations and additions to existing neighborhood context.

KEY ISSUES

The proposal is to restore and replace an existing driveway and curb cut for a residence. The area of the new driveway – in both public space and on private property - is 440 square feet. The length of the driveway is 25' and the width is 13'.

The District has already issued a permit for the re-paving of the driveway at 4515 Q Place, NW, that was issued on 3/17/2010. A site visit to this location resulted in the discovery of a new driveway constructed at 4511 Q Place. It appears that the new driveway at 4511 Q Place was installed under the permit for 4515 Q Place, but this is not clear. It is also not known if there is a separate permit for the work completed at 4511 Q Street, or what plans were included as part of any previously approved curb cut applications.

It is not clear how the design of the proposed driveway for 4515 Q Street will be coordinated with the driveway installed at 4511 Q Street. Nor is it clear where a parking space on private property will be provided; District regulations do not allow for parking in public space without the approval of the Public Space Committee.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

More information is needed from the applicant in order to complete a full review of the application.

The Office of Planning does not have enough information at this time to make a recommendation.