HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 1337 Good Hope Road, SE

Landmark/District: Anacostia Historic District

Meeting Date: **November 18, 2021**

H.P.A. Number: **21-500**

X Agenda

Consent Calendar

X Concept Review

Alteration

X New Construction

Demolition

Recovery Café DC, with plans prepared by Cunningham Quill Architects, seeks on-going concept review for construction of a five-story mixed use building in the proposed expansion area of the Anacostia Historic District. The property is in the recently expanded boundaries of the Anacostia Historic District.

When reviewed in September, the Board did not take a formal vote or action, as is its policy on courtesy concept applications of undesignated property, but expressed that it was supportive of the height and mass and recommended further study of the materials and fenestration of the corner tower element.

Revised Proposal

The project has been revised in response to the Board's comments. The corner is now clad in brick with single enframed punched windows and a more open storefront; the brick would be complementary to but different from the primary mass facing Good Hope Road. The side elevation has been revised to be broken down into four pavilions separated by reveals and clad in siding.

Evaluation

The revised corner element has strong vertical proportions, a higher proportion of glazing, compatible masonry cladding, and a welcoming, more open storefront base. As before, the breaking down of the building mass into smaller component elements is successful in relating the building to the smaller-scaled historic buildings in the existing and expanded historic district.

Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Board find the revised concept to be compatible with the character of the Anacostia Historic District and to delegate final approval to staff.

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