HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 1300 U Street SE

Landmark/District: Anacostia Historic District

Meeting Date: **December 17**th, **2021**

H.P.A. Number: **HP 22-083**

X Denial Calendar Consent Calendar

Concept Review

X Alteration Subdivision

Property Description

This multi-unit two-story brick building was constructed in 1937 and is a contributing building in the Anacostia Historic District. This corner building has a unique form with a projecting gable bay with a vestibule entryway with a slate corner roof.

Proposal

In 2017, the applicant received a permit (**B1708896**) for interior alterations. In 2018, HPO served a Notice of Infraction on the property for failure to obtain a permit for exterior work which included the installation of a new awning. The applicant subsequently applied for and received a permit (**A1900341**) to rebuild the overhang as a flat-roofed covering without a pediment, a style that would be more appropriate for this type of building.

To date, the applicant has not changed the awning since the initial 2017 infraction and now requests the Board accept the current awning as shown in the image below.



Evaluation and Recommendation

Although there are similarly styled gable roofed awnings around the historic district, this property's unique vestibule with its slate corner porch roof is obscured by the gable canopy and is not the appropriate style for this property. HPO recommends the Board deny the application to retain the current unpermitted "gable styled" awning and direct the applicant follow historic preservation condition in permit A1900341 to install a compatible exterior awning.

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