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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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Landmark/District:	Anacostia Historic District	(x) Agenda
Address:	1323 W Street SE	(x) Alteration
Meeting Date:	July 27, 2023	( ) New construction
Case Number:	HPA 23-441	(x) Concept

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Applicant Kendra Stephens, with plans prepared by Vinson Hustvedt-Camacho, seeks concept review for a two-story rear addition at a property in the Anacostia Historic District.

### **Property Description**

1323 W Street SE is a traditional two-story framed rowhouse which was built in 1887. Although the property is in a deteriorated condition and covered with a faux brick siding, it retains its character defining features such as its punched windows, ornate brackets under the porch and cornice, and historic wood windows. The property is within a row of similar homes.

### **Proposal**

The existing rear ell (dogleg) would be extended with a two-story 6' light well with a balcony to a 10' rear addition with a porch measuring 9 feet. The rear elevation will feature built in awnings on the first and second floor. A shallow landing and stair would lead to the rear yard. In-kind repair and replacement is proposed for the front elevation proposed repair in-kind.

### **Evaluation**

The design reflects the form of the existing rear porches. While light wells are not common in the Anacostia Historic District, it will not be visible from the rear. The size of the addition is subordinate to the existing building and is compatible with the building and historic district. The replacement of the front wood windows must be consistent with the guidelines and match the existing windows in style and material. The porch features are to be replaced in-kind and retain the existing brackets.

### **Recommendation**

*The HPO recommends the Board find the project compatible with the Anacostia Historic District, and delegate authority to HPO Staff.*

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