HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 1337 Good Hope Road, SE

Landmark/District: Anacostia Historic District

Meeting Date: January 27, 2022

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, returns to the Board for an 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 November, the applicant had revised the project in response to the Board's earlier recommendations. The corner is now clad in brick with single framed 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.

The Board did not take a formal vote or action in order to allow the community time to review and provide comment on the project design and their preservation concerns.

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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