HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Capitol Hill Historic District

Address: 522 6th Street, S.E.

ANC: **6B**

Meeting Date: March 28, 2019

Case Number: **19-189**

() Agenda

(x) Consent

(x) Concept

(x) Alteration

(x) New Construction

() Demolition

() Subdivision

Architect Jennifer Fowler of Fowler Architects, on behalf of property owners Tara Ramchandani and Chiraag Bains, seeks concept review for construction of a two-story rear addition and interior renovation to a property in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

522 6th Street, S.E., is located between E Street and G Street, S.E. The 3-story contributing brick rowhouse was built in 1874. It is part of a matching pair. The 14' wide, 35' 11" deep 3-story brick rowhouse has a flat front and flat roof. The rear elevation is partially visible from the public alley.





Views of the property from up and down the street





Views of the property from the rear alley

Proposal

The proposal calls for a two-story addition at the rear of the house and a brick patio areaway with steps to grade at the rear yard. The addition would follow the same line of the house and would measure approximately 18'-7 1/2" in depth.

Additionally, the applicant requests an interior renovation that does not appear to include the removal of structural or load-bearing elements.

Evaluation

The proposed addition would not result in the loss of character defining features and would not be visible from 6th Street, SE. At the rear, the addition would be generally in keeping with the extents of several other existing rear additions.

The design of the addition is consistent with previously approved additions in the Capitol Hill Historic District and would be compatible with the Historic District.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the concept of the 2-story rear addition with areaway and interior renovation to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District, and delegate final approval to staff.

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