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

Landmark/District:	Capitol Hill Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	602 A Street, NE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Case Number:	16-018	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Sarah VanLandingham	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

Applicant Andrew Weinschenk, with plans prepared by architect Jennifer Fowler, seeks concept review for a rear addition in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

The subject property is a two-story brick flat-front rowhouse built in 1872 at the same time as 604 and 606. It consists of a main block and rear dogleg with a one-story rear addition spanning the full width of the lot and extending 13 feet. Due to the location of the house, the existing addition is only slightly visible from the alley and not visible from 6th or A Streets.

Proposal

The plans call adding a second story to the existing one-story addition. The footprint of the addition would not change. The rear elevation will be brick with metal casement windows and a small wood canopy to match the existing addition. The addition will be visible from A Street—extending the side wall back about 13'. The side wall will also be somewhat visible through a gap between buildings on 6th Street.

Evaluation

This is a modest rear addition that will not be prominently visible from public space. The use of brick as a material is compatible with Capitol Hill and the addition will not have a significant impact on the character of the house or historic district. Although the fenestration is somewhat unusual for this house type, it will not be visible from public space and does not raise preservation concerns.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the concept to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District and delegate final approval to staff.