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

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Landmark/District:	<b>Capitol Hill Historic District</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	<b>609 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
Meeting Date:	<b>April 28, 2016</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Case Number:	<b>16-302</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	<b>Paul Weishar</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

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Applicant Stars Enterprises, LLC with plans prepared by Andrulis Architects, requests concept review for a two-story rear addition at 609 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE, a contributing building in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

**Property Description**

Thirteen two-story rowhouses constructed by Danenhower & Son define the northeast corner of the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE and F Street, NE. William W. Danenhower, a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., was brought to the city by President Abraham Lincoln following his election in 1861 and was appointed acting fourth auditor and chief clerk. Several years later, Danenhower and his son Washington formed a real estate business. The Danenhowers were heavily invested in the Capitol Hill area and oversaw multiple construction projects through the 1880s.

The two-story, two-bay rowhouse at 609 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE is a restrained and modest interpretation of the Queen Anne style. Constructed of brick, the building features a molded cornice, corbeled brickwork, continuous dog-tooth cornice, and a corbeled brick door hood. Window openings on the façade (west elevation) hold one-over-one, double-hung wood sash with concrete sills and two-course, rowlock brick segmental arches. The single-leaf main entry, accessed via a wood bridge over the oversized basement areaway, holds a wood-frame glass door with transom. A metal awning with fabric cover shelters the main entry. A sloped roof caps the building. The east (rear) elevation has a two-story, full-width addition with a walk-out basement. Constructed in 2001, the addition has a brick veneer with distinctive coursing and a sloped roof.

The building adjacent to the north, 611 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, has a recently-constructed addition which extends the height of the building an additional two stories and lengthens the rear considerably. This addition was constructed prior to the expansion of the Capitol Hill Historic District to include this block.

**Proposal**

The plans call for the construction of a two-story rear addition with a partial subbasement. The two-story, full-width addition with basement will extend approximately 18 feet from the rear of the existing addition. Constructed of concrete block, the north and south (side) elevations will have a Belden brick veneer, tying visually with the existing rear addition. The east (rear) elevation will feature a stone or tile vertical accent element offset by metal or cementitious siding, and fenestrated with insulated glass. A sloped roof will continue off the existing addition. A single-leaf door is proposed to provide access to the basement. The proposed sub cellar will primarily extend beneath the alley grade, occupying 576 square feet.

**Evaluation**

The scale, design, and materials are in keeping with the character of this house, the existing rear addition, and with the historic district in general. The south elevation of the addition will be, albeit minimally, visible from F Street, NE but the south elevation will have a brick veneer identical to the existing addition. As the sub cellar will be below grade, it will not negatively affect the property's integrity of setting, feeling, and location.

**Recommendation**

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