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

Landmark/District:	Capitol Hill Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	624 C Street, SE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
Meeting Date:	September 27, 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Case Number:	18-511	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
		<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

Owners Arun and Susannah Gopalan, with plans prepared by architect Jennifer Fowler, seek concept review for second floor rear addition at the building located within the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

624 C Street was built and designed by B. W. Carpenter in 1886. It is one of a row of six brick two-story plus basement rowhouses featuring shallow projecting rectangular bays, ornate brick corbeled cornices, and decorative brick stringcourses. The historic stoop has been removed and the primary entrance shifted to the basement level. The rear elevation currently features a one-story plus basement rear addition and a rear deck. Two buildings within the row, 626 and 628, both have two-story rear additions. In September 2017 the Board approved a two-story rear addition at the adjacent property, 622 C Street, SE (HPA 17-513).

Proposal

The plans call for the demolition of the rear elevation and a one-story rear addition and deck. A new two-story plus basement addition would be constructed, extending 10 feet and aligning with the rear elevations at the adjacent properties. The basement level would be clad in brick, and the first and second floors clad in Hardi-plank siding and feature two bays of single-pane casement windows.

Evaluation

The proposed rear addition will be comparable in height and depth to other rear additions within the row and will not be seen from any streets. The proposed Hardi-plank siding and regular spaced rectangular fenestration at the rear addition are consistent with other rear additions within the district. The proposed rooftop railing and deck will be located at the rear of the roof and not seen from any public streets.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the concept to be compatible with the historic district and to delegate further review to staff.

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