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

Landmark/District:	Capitol Hill Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	639 A Street SE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
ANC:	6B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Meeting Date:	May 26, 2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Case Number:	22-277	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

Applicants Jessica Bachay and Haider Haimus, with plans by Jennifer Fowler, seek concept review for a two-story rear addition and two-story garage at a property located in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

639 A Street SE was built in 1897 as one of two. At the rear is an existing one-story garage. Along the alley are a mix of one- and two-story garages and alley dwellings.



639 A Street SE

Proposal

Both a rear and side addition are proposed. The side infill is set back twelve feet from the front of the house. The rear addition would be full-width and extend back about ten feet. The side and rear addition will be clad in Hardi plank siding and trim.

The new two-story garage would be about twenty feet wide, thirty-five feet deep, and twenty feet tall. The garage would be clad in brick on all elevations. At the alley-facing elevation, the first story would be dominated by a garage door paired with a pedestrian door under a brick rowlock header. The second story would have asymmetrical fenestration with two ganged windows and one standalone two-over-two window under brick rowlock headers with brick sills. The cornice would be made of Azek.

Evaluation

There will be some visibility of the side addition, but the deep setback ensures that it will feel secondary to the main block of the building. The scale, materials, and design of the two-story garage are compatible with this historic district and in line with many previous approvals.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the project to be compatible with the Capitol Hill historic district, and delegate final approval to staff.

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