HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Capitol Hill Historic District () Agenda Address: 912 G Street SE (x) Consent ANC: (x) Concept

Meeting Date: (x) Alteration
(b) New Construction

Case Number: 22-085 () Demolition () Subdivision

Applicant Jennisey Basart with plans prepared by Joel Heisey, seeks concept review for a

rooftop addition to a garage on a property located in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

The existing garage is one story, in a row of one-story garages. Largely unornamented, there are brick returns on either side of the large garage door opening and a flat metal cornice.



912 G Street SE garage in the center

Proposal

The applicant proposes to erect slatted walls on three sides of the garage that would approximate the appearance of a second story. The walls would be of slatted wood, like horizontal fencing. There would be three window-sized openings on the alley-facing elevation. The side elevations will be visible as both adjacent garages are one story. The rear will have a simple railing and stair for access from the yard.

Evaluation

There are numerous one-story garages with roof decks in the Capitol Hill historic district. This is usually accomplished with a simple metal or wood railing. This parapet extension makes the deck much more visually obtrusive, but attempts to increase privacy among neighbors by emulating a two-story garage.

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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