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

Landmark/District:	Dupont Circle Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Address:	1625 P Street NW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept
Meeting Date:	July 26 , 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
Case Number:	18-199	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
		<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition

Architect Outerbridge Horsey, representing DC Parks and Recreation, requests on-going concept review of a change in materials and minor modifications of alterations and new construction in Stead Park at 1625 P Street NW in the Dupont Circle Historic District. The Board approved the original concept for the work in February 2018.

Stead Park is a DC owned park that was created in the 1940s from a parcel of land originally developed in the 1880s by Henry Hurt. The site's two-story stable is the last remnant of the original Hurt development.

Proposal

The cladding material of the east addition, previously approved as brick, is now proposed as glass. The ceiling of the west addition has been lowered to create a better connection to the new eastern addition; no additional height is proposed. Other changes include moving the stair tower further from the east addition for fire code purposes, landscaping refinements near the sidewalk on P Street NW, recladding the elevator enclosures of the west addition, and reorienting the roof pergola of the west addition to a more central and forward location.

Evaluation

Changing the cladding of the east addition from brick to glass creates a simpler, lighter design that clearly separates itself from the historic structure.

Of the other refinements, the recladding of the enclosures and moving the pergola will have the most public impact. Both alterations will result in improved compatibility through the simplification of materials and reorienting the pergola to a location that creates a more symmetrical relationship to the other roof elements. The other site work proposed, moving the stair tower and the refinement of the landscaping have limited visual impact compared to the previously approved plan.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Review Board find the concept for changes to be compatible with the character of the historic district.

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