HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Address:	Dupont Circle HD 2012 P Street, NW	() Agenda (X) Consent
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2016	(X) Concept (X) Alteration
Case Number:	16-525	() New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Kim Elliott	(John Otike) Demolition() Subdivision

John Otike for property owner, Sajan Saraff seeks conceptual design review to add a 3rd story to a 2story commercial building in the Dupont Circle Historic District.

Property Description

The property was designed by architect C.J. Wade and built in 1907 and is one of a pair of 2-story buildings along this row of P Street.

Proposal

The project calls for a third-story addition set back 30' from the façade. The walls of the addition will be brick and the elevation design for the third floor will follow the same scale and style of the existing historic windows. The proposed renovation to the existing façade includes reconfiguring the bay projection, creating a single projection and adding a door to the west side of the elevation.

Evaluation

While the drawings are lacking in detail and need to be more fully developed prior to final construction approval, the basic concept is compatible with the context and historic district. The addition is set back a substantial 30' from the front façade and will not be visible from street view; a flag test will be scheduled to confirm this assertion. The renovation of the front façade to include a single bay is more appropriate than the current configuration and HPO will continue to work with the applicant on the details of the storefront bay and roofs over the entry doors.

Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Board find the concept generally consistent with the historic district and consistent with the preservation act and to delegate final approval to staff with the following conditions:

- A flag test confirms that the addition is not visible from P Street.
- Applicant work with HPO to develop drawings of storefront renovation and share new drawings with the community