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

Landmark/District:	Georgetown Historic District	(x) Consent
Address:	3234 N Street NW	
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2016	
Case Number:	16-446	(x) New construction
Staff Reviewer:	Tim Dennée	(x) Permit

The applicant, Dale Overmyer, agent and architect for property owner SOFLO LLC, requests the Board's review of a permit application to construct a one-story pool house in the rear yard of this mid-nineteenth-century frame building. The project was referred to the Board by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts because the new building would not be visible from a public thoroughfare. Yet, it is large enough to warrant Board review and public notice.

A slightly larger than thirteen-by-seventeen-foot gable-roofed one-story structure would have a basement for the pool equipment, connecting to the sub-basement of the house. It would have a standing-seam metal roof and some kind of masonry veneer on the exterior walls. A stuccoed, flat-roofed wing six feet wide by 27 feet long would stand between the main structure and the retaining wall along the west property line. It would contain a fireplace and chimney.

The context is very unusual, as the rear yard is sunk below the house's basement level, putting the entire pool house below the tops of the surrounding walls and fences. As such, it has little impact on the character of the historic district, despite being seen from the windows of neighboring buildings.

Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Board recommend approval of the permit application.