GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting October 22, 2020

The Historic Preservation Review Board convened a public meeting on October 22 via WebEx. Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Thomas Brokaw, Linda Greene, Outerbridge Horsey, Sandra Jowers-Barber, Gretchen Pfaehler.

AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Overview of recently completed projects.

DUPONT CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1625 P Street NW (Stead Park), HPA 20-468, concept/ renovate carriage house; addition to carriage house; alterations to south end of park.

The Board supported the design direction, made recommendations for refinements, and directed the applicants to return to the Board for further review. Vote: 6-0 (Horsey recused)

MOUNT PLEASANT HISTORIC DISTRICT

1745 Park Road NW, HPA 20-516, permit/roll-up garage door.

The Board recommended clearance of the permit application for a roll-up vehicle gate as sufficiently retentive of the character of the property and compatible with the character of the historic district generally, with the condition that the gate itself be prefinished in a color (preferably earth-tone) rather than leaving it bare metal. The Board acknowledged the ANC resolution of support for the project. The ANC had requested that the Board "affirm that the informal design review principles discussed by HPO in its staff report have no official status relevant to future cases," but the list of principles was proposed not as "official" or final or relating only to Mount Pleasant, but as reflecting the staff's present evaluations of the compatibility of such gates under its delegated authority, and as a starting point for eventual design guidelines that, after more testing, the Board may adopt as authoritative and applicable to all historic districts, not just Mount Pleasant, an idea that the Board endorsed. Vote: 7-0.

2051 Park Road, NW, HPA 20-419, permit/roll-up garage gate.

The Board recommended in favor of clearance of the permit application for a roll-up vehicle gate at this property as sufficiently retentive of the character of the property and compatible with the character of the historic district generally, with the conditions that the gate be painted, and the pediment or fascia be faced with an appropriate material. The Board delegated further review to staff, with the understanding that some revisions are under way in coordination with the Commission of Fine Arts review. Vote: 7-0.

St. Elizabeths Hospital Park Historic District

1200 Alabama Avenue SE, HPA 20-316, revised concept/design development of six-story office building.

The Board approved the design development and delegated further review to staff, with the condition that the applicant provide an opportunity to view samples of the exterior metal panels on site. Vote: 6-0 (Aurhach recused).

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

514 Archibald Walk SE, HPA 20-478, concept/add second story to one-story garage.

The Board found the concept plans to be compatible and delegated final approval to staff, with the conditions that the applicant move forward with the juliette balcony option and that the maximum building height does not exceed 20 feet. Vote:7-0.

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT

2422 North Capitol Street NW, HPA 20-461, permit, add third story to existing house.

The Board members expressed their individual views that the proposed third-story addition to 2422 North Capitol Street NW was not compatible because it was prominently visible from public street view, but did not take a vote and encouraged the applicant to work with staff on an alternative proposal in which any third story addition would not be visible.

CLEVELAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

3616 Ordway Street NW, HPA 20-517, replace existing rear addition with two-story addition; convert garage into living space; add egress window wells.

The Board recommended that the second floor of the addition be reduced in size and directed the applicant to return to the Board for further review. Vote: 6-0 (Greene absent).

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved by a vote of 6-0.

HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINE

Bloomingdale Historic District Preservation and Design Guideline, submission for final adoption.

HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

All Souls Church, Unitarian, 1500 Harvard Street NW, Case 20-10 (amendment).

ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2325 High Street SE, HPA 20-519, concept, two-story rear addition; window and door replacement; infill windows and create new window openings.

SHERIDAN KALORAMA HISTORIC DISTRICT

2450 Belmont Road NW, HPA 20-497/498, permit/ cellar addition; alterations to stone wall; new entry door and stoop; new garage door; new construction of pool house.

Transcripts of Historic Preservation Review Board Meetings may be purchased from the court reporting agency that covered this hearing – Neal R. Gross & Co., Inc., (202) 234-4433, www.nealrgross.com or info@nealrgross.com. Individual staff reports that are prepared in advance of the hearing are posted on our website at https://planning.dc.gov.