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HPRB ACTIONS
December 21, 2023

The Historic Preservation Review Board meet via WebEx on this date to consider the following items.

Present for the meeting were: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Matt Bell and Gretchen Pfahler and Carisa Stanley Beatty.

AGENDA

LANDMARK DESIGNATION HEARING

Swedish Ambassador's Residence, 3900 Nebraska Avenue NW, Case 23-10.

The Historic Preservation Review Board designated the Old Swedish Ambassador's Residence a historic landmark, and it requested the forwarding of the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places with a recommendation for listing as of local significance, with a period of significance of 1924 to 1972. The Board recommended further refinements to the description of the property and recommended addressing whether the site had prehistoric occupation. Vote:5-0.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Swedish Ambassador's Residence, 3900 Nebraska Avenue NW, HPA 24-088, concept/renovation and additions *(to be heard only if designated)*.

The Board found the concept design to be compatible with the landmark, with comments that the two new small windows on the front elevation be eliminated and the sloped chimneys be restudied, and delegated final approval to staff. Vote: 5-0.

Alexander Crummel School, 1900 Gallaudet Street NE, HPA 23-565, concept/renovation and addition.

The Board indicated overall support for the concept, specifically the general massing and height, but also noted concern over the proximity and materiality of the new additions. The Board recommended further investigation of widening the space between historic school and the connector building, taking more cues from the historic building to refine the articulation of the new ones, treating individual volumes differently/consistently in terms of their materiality, and reconsidering the use of the "checkboard pattern" proposed for some elevations. The Board asked that the project return for further review when ready and offered to establish a working group to assist the project team in addressing their comments in order to avoid any project delays.

YOUNG, BROWN, PHELPS AND SPINGARN CAMPUS HISTORIC DISTRICT

850 26th Street NE, HPA 24-086, concept/addition and renovation of school building.

The Board approved the concept for the modernization of the Browne Education Campus as compatible with the Young, Browne, Phelps and Spingarn Educational Campus Historic District. Vote: 4-0 (Bell recused). [Upon seeking clarification on the Board's action related to the cladding material for the new hyphen connector element, the Chair asked that this aspect of the project return to the Board for further discussion in January.]

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

630 G Street SE, HPA 23-574, revised concept/rear addition and roof deck.

The Board voted to support the concept, including the applicant's "option 1" for the rear addition cornice, provided that a flag test is conducted based on the revised design and that no portion of the penthouse stair will be visible, and otherwise found the project compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District, and delegated final approval authority to staff. Vote: 5-0

~~425 4th Street NE, HPA 24-046, concept/three-story addition at rear.~~

~~[Deferred at the request of the applicant]~~

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