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

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Property Address:	<b>2101 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW</b>	Agenda
Landmark/District:	<b>First African New Church</b>	<b>X</b> Consent Calendar
		<b>X</b> Concept Review
Meeting Date:	<b>December 15, 2016</b>	<b>X</b> Alteration
H.P.A. Number:	<b>14-125</b>	<b>X</b> New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	<b>Steve Callcott</b>	Demolition
		Subdivision

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Owner/architect Suman Sorg, representing Morning Bright LLC, seeks a two-year extension for a concept approval given by the HPRB for a project reviewed in July 2014. The project involved construction of a six-story addition to the landmark First African New Church; the addition would be on the vacant corner lot to the south of the building with frontage on both 10<sup>th</sup> and V Streets. During 2014, the Board undertook several reviews of the concept, which was revised to respond to comments, and final approval was ultimately delegated to staff.

The Board's regulations stipulate that an approval of a conceptual design review application remains in effect for two years from the date of the Board's action. Upon expiration of this period, the applicant may return to the Board with a request for an extension of one additional period of two years for good cause. The Board is not required to reopen the review of the application, and shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of an extension (DCMR 10A, 332.1).

The basis for which the Board's finding the project consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and the property's historic context is unchanged. Accordingly, the HPO recommends that the HPRB not reopen the case and grant a two-year extension to the approved concept.

**Recommendation**

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