
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Historic District Case No. 16-12

Financial Historic District (Boundary Increase and Amendment)

Part of Squares 198, 199, 216, 218, 223, 252, 253

Bounded on East by east side of 14th Street between G Street and New York Avenue NW

Bounded on North by I and K Streets at McPherson Square

Meeting Date: October 27, 2016
Applicant: D.C. Preservation League
Affected ANC: ANC 2B, 2C, 2F
Staff Reviewer: Kim Williams

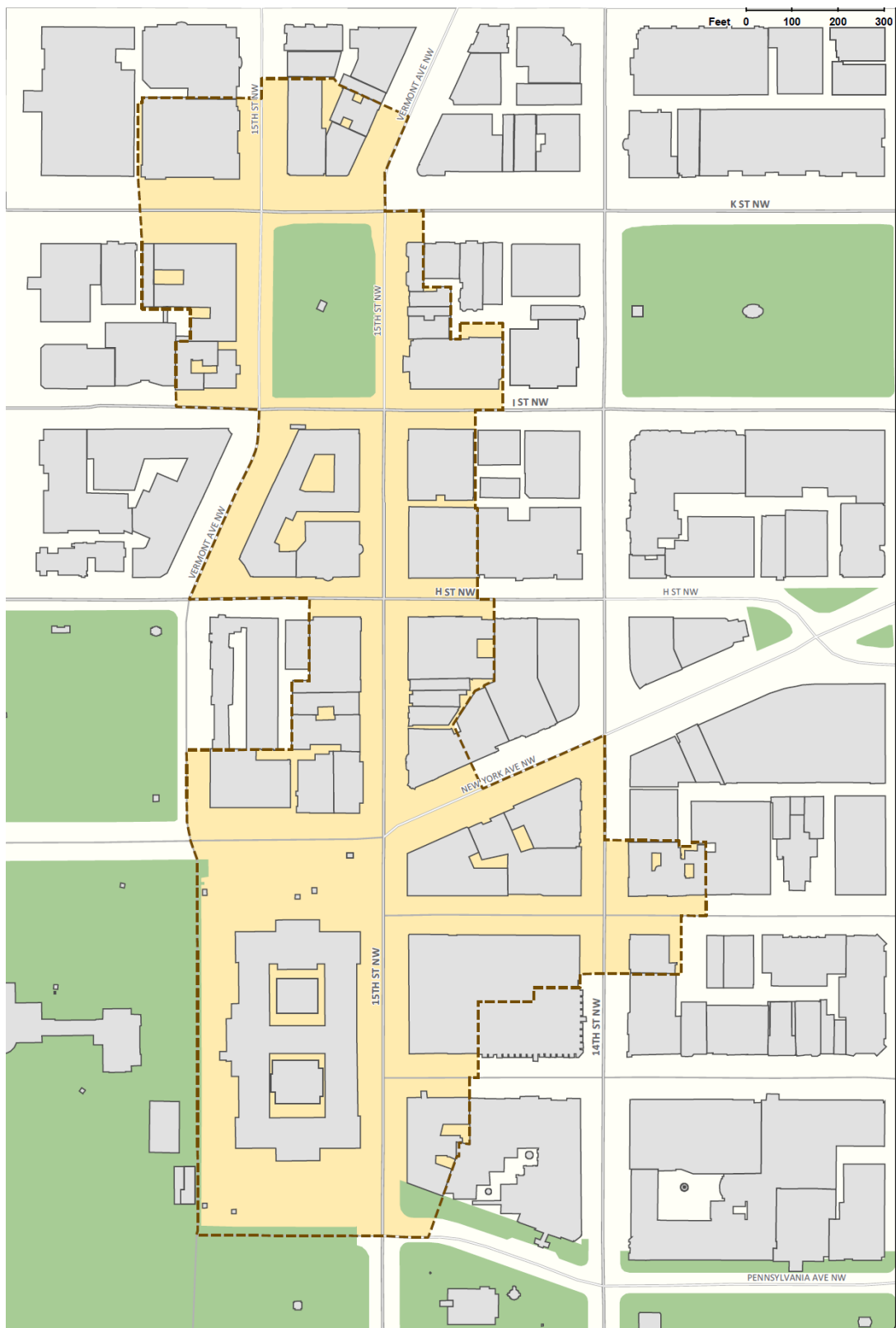
This Historic District case offers minor revisions to the proposed Financial Historic District (Boundary Increase and Amendment) nomination which came before the HPRB on July 28, 2016. At that hearing, the applicant (the D.C. Preservation League) and the HPO staff presented the proposed amendment to the present Fifteenth Street Financial Historic District. The amendment essentially includes the following: a name change from the Fifteenth Street Financial Historic District to Financial Historic District; a boundary increase; an expanded Period of Significance; and additional information that provides a more complete representation of the history and growth of the city's financial district.

At that hearing, HPRB requested some revisions to the amendment document. In particular, the HPRB suggested cleaning up the boundary lines to better illustrate the inclusion of significant additions to buildings within the existing Fifteenth Street Historic District, and expanding the boundaries to include the U.S. Treasury Annex building. HPRB requested that the property owners affected by these changes be given appropriate notice, and that the nomination form be revised to include a discussion of these changes. HPRB also asked staff to correct other minor errors in the document, such as inconsistent dates in the narrative and building lists.

Staff has made all of the above revisions to the amendment form and has provided the appropriate notice to those property owners where boundary changes were made.

As revised and shown on the Financial Historic District map, the boundaries expand the district to the east to around 14th and G Streets to include five contributing buildings, and to pull in the addition to the Metropolitan and Albee buildings, known as Metropolitan Square, built after the 2006 designation of the Fifteenth Street Financial Historic District. The revised boundaries extend the district north along 15th Street from I Street to include 12 buildings around McPherson Square (10 contributing, 2 non-contributing). In addition, the boundaries pull in the Treasury Annex, north of the U.S. Treasury Building, and adjacent to the Riggs National Bank.

For the same reasons outlined in the staff report of July 28, 2016, staff recommends that the Board approve the Financial Historic District amendment and recommend it for forwarding to the National Register of Historic Places.



Financial Historic District

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