## HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: **7050 Eastern Avenue, NW** Agenda

Landmark/District: **Takoma Park Historic District X** Consent Calendar

**X** Concept Review

Meeting Date: July 27, 2023 Alteration

H.P.A. Number: **22-487 X** New Construction

Subdivision

The NHP Foundation, the designated representative of the Elm Gardens Tenants Association Inc., seeks on-going concept review for a project that includes demolition of a non-contributing apartment building and construction of a new apartment building in the Takoma Park Historic District.

## **Revised Proposal**

At the November 2022 meeting, after an initial review in October, the Board approved the concept for a six-story apartment building as compatible with the Takoma Park Historic District. However, through the zoning review process, the project has had to be reduced down to four stories with a set back fifth floor penthouse. Other than the removal of the floor, the design remains essentially the same. Through adjustments to the grade of the driveway, the front-facing garage entrance has been reduced in height.

## **Evaluation**

The revised proposal remains compatible in height, massing and materials with the Takoma Park Historic District, and the height reduction in the garage door is a clear improvement over the previous proposal.

## Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Board find the new construction project compatible with the Takoma Park Historic District and delegate final approval to staff.

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