

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD



**HPRB ACTIONS**  
**December 5, 2019**

Present: Marnique Heath, Chair; Andrew Aurbach, Thomas Brokaw, Linda Greene, Outerbridge Horsey, Barbara Jowers-Barber, Chris Landis, Gretchen Pfahler.

**AGENDA**

**DESIGNATION HEARING**

Barry Farm Dwellings, 1100-1371 Stevens Road, 2677-2687 Wade Road and 2652 Firth Sterling Avenue SE, Case 19-07 (*Board deliberation; continuation of October 31<sup>st</sup> hearing*).

*The Board adopted the following motion: The story of Barry Farm is significant to the local community, city and the nation, and deserves recognition through a DC historic landmark designation. The significance of Barry Farm extends from the Civil War era through the wartime construction of Barry Farm Dwellings and the modern Civil Rights movement and demonstrates community achievements that influenced the development of the city and nation. A small grouping of designated landmark buildings, in situ, from the remaining Barry Farm Dwellings can serve to represent this significance and sustain the history of these achievements. The final identification of a designated landmark should emphasize associations with significant persons, an authentic setting of buildings and landscape, and ability to create a meaningful commemorative site well integrated into the rebuilt community. A portion of the landmark should house a museum and cultural center to commemorate and extend the memory and legacy of Barry Farm for the benefit of future residents as well as the city and nation. The proposed elements and boundaries of the landmark should be submitted to the Board, along with the concept master plan for redevelopment, for the Board's further consideration. It is further recommended that a preservation plan be developed for the retained buildings, that the applicants consider developing design guidelines for the site, and that oral histories of residents be collected as part of the effort to develop a neighborhood heritage and cultural center. Vote: 7-0 (Aurbach recused)*

**ST. ELIZABETHS HISTORIC DISTRICT**

2700 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue SE, HPA 20-044, concept/new building to accommodate shelter facility, day center, and health clinic.

*The Board requested the project return with revisions, recommending 1) more compatible exterior materials in smaller modules, perhaps responding to the campus's predominant red brick, the barn's board-and-batten siding, and the stable's upper-story shingles; 2) that the design and extent of the external HVAC equipment be improved upon; 3) that the wings be parallel to and perpendicular to Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue; 4) that the approach to the building be more pedestrian-oriented; 5) that the paving be minimized and tight to the buildings, partly by orienting the driveway loop and parking perpendicular to the drive leading from the avenue; 6) that the canopy not be a fourth building mass, but be integrated better into the buildings; 7) that the buildings be massed more toward the north end of the site with Wing C pulled farther from the stable; 8) that the wings perhaps step down the ravine slope, rather than being supported over it;*

9) that consideration be given to combining the bioretention swales, perhaps behind the building; 10) that consideration be given to putting the generator behind the building; and 11) that the applicant address the comments of the Commission of Fine Arts and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Vote: 8-0.

#### **14<sup>TH</sup> STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1421 Corcoran Street NW, HPA 19-606, concept/new construction of three-story rowhouse.

*The Board approved the demolition of the existing building as non-contributing to the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District, and approved the concept for a new building that has a more compatible basement areaway stair under the primary stairs, that pulls the irregularly-composed third floor back out of the line of site from the street, and that eliminates the upper roof deck.*

*Vote: 7-0.*

#### **CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

716-718 L Street SE, HPA 20-037, concept/addition; rear addition, fourth story addition, and penthouse addition.

*The Board found the project to be incompatible with the Capitol Hill historic district and recommended that the applicant revise the drawings to meet the massing and conditions of the previous concept approval, in addition to the revisions recommended in the staff report, and return to the Board for further review. Vote: 7-0.*

1355 A Street NE, HPA 19-608, concept/two-story rear addition and second-story addition to garage; new basement entry.

*The Board found the concept plans to be compatible with the Capitol Hill historic district, on the conditions that (1) the rear addition massing be reconfigured to retain the existing dogleg, (2) the side elevations of the garage be clad in brick, and (3) that the garage design be refined as described in the staff report; and delegate final approval to staff. Vote: 6-1.*

#### **U STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1427 ½ W Street NW, HPA 20-018, concept/three-story addition and front window wells.

*The Board approved the rear addition and directed the applicant to lower the height of the side addition and work with staff to determine an appropriate setback. Vote: 6-0.*

1423 W Street NW, HPA 19-545, concept/three-story addition.

*The Board found the addition compatible with the character of the historic district, provided no part is visible from W Street, and delegated final approval to HPO staff. Vote: 6-0.*

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was approved by a vote of 8-0.

#### **CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

138 11th Street SE, HPA 19-603, concept/two-story carriage house.

#### **14<sup>TH</sup> STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1311 Corcoran Street NW, HPA 20-042, concept/enclose existing porches at cellar and first floor and add second and third-floors above.

**SHAW HISTORIC DISTRICT**

1317 11th Street NW, HPA 20-041, concept/new construction, four-story rowhouse.

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