

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society before the DC Historic Preservation Review
Board January 26, 2017
504 C Street, NE HPA 17-122**

My name is Beth Purcell and I am testifying on behalf of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee. Thank you for letting us share our views on this project.

The applicant proposes to demolish a non-contributing building constructed in 1981 and to construct a new three-story brick building with five units. The height of the new building lines up with adjacent buildings, and has some traditional Capitol Hill characteristics, including a square bay, corbelled cornice, simple lintels and sills forming a belt course, one-over-one windows with transom, single-pane door with transom. Stacked recessed porches, steel with metal steel guardrails provide outside space. While we are not aware of any precedent on Capitol Hill for these porches (resembling triple-decker houses), they are functional and appropriate. The rear is hardipanel siding, with one-over-one paired or tripartite windows with a transom.

The garage and curb cut would be eliminated, which is beneficial. Our concerns about the materials for the front windows (wood), and a roof access hatch have been addressed.

We believe that the project is compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our comments.