

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society before the DC Historic Preservation  
Review Board December 15, 2016  
518 6th Street, NE HPA 16-199**

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.

We reviewed plans for the project dated March 25, April 18, June 29, and plans received December 2, 2016. This is a three-story brick bay front, a contributing building. The plans call for constructing a subordinate three-story rear addition, replacing an existing one-story addition. There will be no roof deck.

At the May 5, 2016 HPRB hearing, the Board found:

... the project to be generally compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District but agreed with many of the points raised by the ANC and CHRS as in need for further study and refinement, including the production of as-is drawings in specific regard to what remains of the flooring assemblies, refinement of the rear balcony, as well as the production of accurate final proposal drawings. The Board asked that these comments be taken into account as the plan is further developed and that the accurate final drawings are shared with ANC, CHRS, and HPO staff, with adequate time provided for comment. The Board provided, should ANC, CHRS, and HPO have no comments, and if there are no outstanding community objections, that the project could move forward on the consent calendar. Vote: 8-0.

We believe that the applicant has complied with the Board's order. We have no objection to demolishing the existing addition. The December plans note that the rear wall on the third floor, two chimneys, and certain windows have already been demolished. The demolition and replacement of floor joists is consistent with the work to be done. The rear elevation is improved, with a demarcated railing and porch.

If the Board recommends concept approval, we agree with the staff and we urge that the applicant be required to work closely with HPO staff, ANC 6C, and the community throughout every stage of the project.

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

Thank you for considering our comments.