

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society before the DC
Historic Preservation Review Board
HPA 13-566 1220 Potomac Avenue, SE**

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 Historic Preservation Committee has reviewed the applicant's revised plans dated June, 2014. We are very appreciative that the applicant has greatly improved the design, by using a uniform brick color (white) with a darker brick accent, paired one-over one wood clad windows on the front elevation, and double-hung windows on the side elevation. The new plans show that the new building will follow the building line of the existing rowhouses. We support the staff report's suggestions concerning additional information needed, and the need for further study of the design elements including the front entrance, canopy, door, additional windows.

In our earlier comments we noted that Option B, which retains the existing curb cut on Potomac Avenue (and has no new curb cut on I Street, SE), is preferable to Option A (new curb cut on I Street, SE) because new curb cuts are not compatible with the character of the Capitol Hill Historic District. We now support the staff's recommendation that curb cuts as inconsistent with the character of the Capitol Hill Historic District, and for this reason, that curb cut on Potomac Avenue should be eliminated.

We believe that the project, as revised in compliance with the staff report, will be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our views.