

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
before the DC Historic Preservation Review Board on March 7, 2019  
224 C Street, NE (HPA 19-107)**

My name is Beth Purcell and I am testifying on their behalf of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee. Thank you for considering our views. We reviewed plans for this project dated January 30, 2019.

The applicant proposes to add a second story to an existing one-story red brick garage. (Only part of the garage width is actually open and accessible from the alley. About half the width of the garage is against the adjoining property owner's property line. So the second story addition is entirely over the project owner's garage.) The total height of the garage with the addition is less than 20 feet. The new second story would be framed in cement panels, with wood shadow box window penetrations on the north, south, and east elevations (framing operable windows on the alley (north) elevation). The south (house-facing) elevation would have a balcony. The design is simple and appropriate. However, the cladding on the east elevation of the second story will be very visible from Third Street, would be a very light color, and appear very stark over the red brick on the first story. We suggest a color scheme for the second story which recedes and is less noticeable.

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

Thank you for considering our comments.