

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society
before the DC Historic Preservation Review Board on February 4, 2021
921 G Street, SE HPA 21-132**

My name is Beth Purcell and I am testifying on behalf of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee. This rowhouse is one of four built in 1872 by Joseph Walsh. It's a two-bay two-story frame house, a contributing building. We reviewed the plans dated December 18, 2020 and January 8, 2021.

On the front elevation, the architectural details at the cornice will remain; the front door will be replaced in kind. No other changes are planned.

The applicant plans a rear third story addition for this small house, fourth in from 10th Street, SE. Based on the lumber mockup, it appears that the addition will be minimally visible across G Street, when viewed straight on. The mock up is somewhat visible from short distance west on G Street and is highly visible from 10th Street, SE.

HPA 18-671 and 19-140 concerned 302 South Carolina Avenue, SE, a three-story house second in from the corner. The applicant proposed a two-story rear addition and a rooftop addition that would have been very visible from public space. The board approved the two story addition, w/ modifications. In this case, the staff notes that the proposed three-story addition would be highly visible from public space, is therefore not compatible, and that a two-story addition no higher than the existing house would be compatible. We support the staff report.

The applicant proposes to infill the dogleg in this row of houses with some already infilled doglegs. For this reason we agree with the staff report and believe that the proposed infill does not raise preservation concerns.

The rear elevation will be clad in hardiplank, with charred wood siding, bi-fold doors. The design and materials are appropriate.

We believe that a two-story addition would be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our comments.