

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B ANC 6B PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Samolyk (6B01); Sroufe (6B02); Ready (6B03); Oldenburg (6B04); Ryder (6B07)

Resident Members Present:

Friedman (6B01); Smith (6B04); Jarboe (6B05); Danks (6B06) (chair and reporter); Ferguson (6B07); Javaraman (6B08); Campbell (6B10).

First Case: HP 22-13 – 1320 E Street SE (Peter Bug Shoe Academy) Landmark Nomination. Applicant: Todd Jones, Office of Planning, todd.jones@dc.gov; Hearing Date: November 17 or December 1, 2022

Mr. Jones, a Historic Preservation Specialist from the DC Office of Planning, presented the committee with the landmark status application for the Buchanan School Plaza (Peter Bug Shoe Academy), which includes the building, sunken plaza, and surrounding sculptures. Mr. Jones gave an overview of the history of the building and plaza and its connection to noted landscape architect Paul Friedberg and the development of urban landscape architecture in the last sixty years. Mr. John ("Peter Bug") Matthews gave additional detail about the history of the shoe academy and the origin of his nickname. Questions from the committee clarified that the landmark status would not prohibit additional work done to repair the building, which remains district-owned, although it may require additional historic review.

Danks moved and Jayaraman seconded to support the application and place it on the consent agenda. The motion was adopted by acclimation.

Second Case: HPA 23-038 - 1332 Independence Avenue SE; concept/three-story rear addition; Owner(s): Schmidt Development, Applicant: Ryan Amons, ryan@schmidtdevelopment.com, jd@schmidtdevelopment.com; Hearing Date: 11/17/22 or 12/01/22 [6B08]

Mr. Amons presented the committee with plans to add a three-story rear addition to 1332 Independence Ave. SE. The addition would not be visible from Independence or Massachusetts Avenue. The applicant has received verbal support from the owners of 1334 Independence Ave; it is still seeking to contact the owner of 1330 Independence Ave, which is tenant-occupied. Questions from the committee addressed the length of the addition, its visibility from public streets versus alleyways, and the design of the front entrance, which will be modified to suit single-family use.

Jayaraman moved and Samolyk seconded to support the application and place it on the consent agenda. The motion was adopted by acclimation with two noted abstentions (Sroufe and Oldenburg).

Third Case/Discussion: Review and comments on Draft Environmental Impact Study of land transfers at Washington Navy Yard. Concept plan to create potential for 2 million square feet of residential, retail, office, and parking use ~1300 at 11th and O Street SE (Background Info and EIS: https://ndw.cnic.navy.mil/WNY-Land-Acquisition/1/)

The committee briefly discussed the proposed land swap involving the Washington Navy Yard. Comments

were generally supportive of the swap and the long-term impact that development at 11th and O Street would have with respect to public access to the waterfront and connection to the 11th Ave Bridge Park. Some concern was noted about the security rationale presented by the Navy. Additional discussion was expected to be had at the ANC 6B Transportation Committee meeting the following evening.

Two virtual public meetings to receive verbal comments are scheduled: Tuesday November 15, 6 p.m – 7 p.m, and Wednesday November 16, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Comments may also be submitted via email to NAVFACWashNEPA1@navy.mil or by mail (postmarked no later than December 2, 2022) to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington, Washington Navy Yard, ATTN: Navy EIS Project Manager, 1314 Harwood St SE, Washington, D.C. 20374.

By consensus the committee deferred further action to the full ANC.