



**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

**June 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners: Sroufe, Oldenburg, Holtzman, Holman (chairing), Waud, Clark**

**Resident Members: Thomas, Ryan, Jarboe, Campbell, Danks**

**1. ANC Letter of Support for moving community benefit money to escrow for 1309 E Street SE PUD/Watkins Alley.**

Bobby Akines of Ditto Development had to cancel at the last minute. Because this conversion is an extension of last month's discussion regarding 1339 E St/The Lockwood, the committee felt comfortable supporting this letter, which was circulated at the meeting

**Motion [Holman/Sroufe] Recommend to send these letters on consent. 10-0-1 (Waud abstaining)**

**2. Potomac Ave Pocket Parks Construction Permit [6B07].**

DDOT created a construction permit review for permits for these pocket parks, however the day of the meeting the representative from WKM Construction indicated the permit has been canceled. Commissioner Waud moved to write a letter ask for details from DPR regarding the timeline, removal of the fences, contracting, and how they're planning on meeting the August 3 completion deadline.

**Motion [Waud/Holman] Recommend support on consent 11-0-0**

**3. Eastern Market Metro Park Temporary Playground Construction Permit [6B05]**

Similar to the above project, discussion about this seemed to focus on the failures of the DDOT permitting process. This permit has been issued administratively in June and there is no room for ANC comment.

**Motion [Oldenburg/Holtzman] No position, pending further developments in week before meeting, passes 11-0-0**



**4. East Capitol St Closure on Halloween [6B02, 6B05]**

This idea comes from meetings and discussions with ANC 6A and 6C. Discussion about this project focused on the history of Halloween on East Capitol and the current situation. Most commissioner reported support from the wider neighborhood but noted potential issues with parking, spillover traffic, the 97/commuter buses, and creating an environment with even more activity that perhaps would overwhelm the street. In the end, the committee recommended the ANC send a letter to the Mayor's Special Events Trask Force asking for a feasibility study including hours, bus traffic, residential parking (will it be banned like for races/block parties), and noting that this letter is not a support or opposition letter. This is **not** on consent.

**Motion [Jarboe/Thomas]: Recommend sending a letter as outlined above 10-1-0**

**5. 323 5th St SE BZA #20080**

Applicant is proposing a rear extension over 10 feet from one adjoining neighbors rear of building. The applicant provided support letters from adjoining neighbor. The addition is in line with the rest of the block and does not extend past it's southern neighbor. The design is pulled in from the northern neighbors and the applicant has worked with the neighbor to minimize effects on light, air, and privacy

**Motion [Sroufe/Campbell]: Recommend support on consent 11-0-0**

**6. 321 6th St SE HPA 19-445**

The applicant presented a plan for a rear addition. The committee noted that a similar addition came before the ANC and was approved by the BZA in 2009, but that project never went forward. The house has new owners now. The addition will be minimally visible through the side yard of this house and the large house to the north. The applicant noted the neighbor to the south was generally opposed to the project but the neighbor was not at the meeting.

**Motion [Sroufe/Thomas]: Recommend support on consent 11-0-0**

**7. 1104 C St SE HPA 19-451**

The applicant presented plans for a new areaway and basement entrance seemingly compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District guidelines. The committee discussed the need for this entrance especially related to the tree placement. Commissioner Holtzman moved to put the item on consent, but continues to seeks input from neighbors on C Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Motion [Holtman/Oldenburger]: Recommend support on consent: 11-0-0**



**8. 639 C St SE HPA 19-465**

The applicant presented plans for a three-story rear addition to an existing three-story rowhouse. The applicant also proposed to remove incompatible design elements from the front of the house (e.g., dormers) and replace the non-historic windows. There is a substantial amount of interior work as well, converting from a three-unit apartment house to a one-unit dwelling.

**Motion [Holman/Danks] Recommend Support on consent 11-0-0**

**[Oldenburg, Ryan, Waud depart]**

**9. Folger Shakespeare Library Landmark Amendment HPA 17-07**

The DC Preservation League (DCPL) filed a landmark amendment nomination in 2017 for the 1983 rear addition to the original already-landmarked Paul Cret building. Architect of that addition, Warren Cox, was present at the meeting as well. DCPL presented on the history of the addition, noting the engineering and design constraints that went into creating a building that met the Library's programmatic needs. The design was well received at the time and has received numerous awards. The landmark nomination claims the building is eligible for listing in the DC inventory of historic sites (note: not the federal because the building isn't 50 years old yet) in four areas: (B) History, (D) Architecture and Urbanism, (E) Artistry, and (F) Work of a Master.

Folger Library presented in opposition to this landmark, claiming while they have to plans to demolish the existing addition, extending that landmark will hamstring and future changes to meet changing programmatic needs.

The committee had a lively discussion with the applicants and in the ended, decided not to make a recommendation but instead to forward comments to the full ANC. Those comments are:

**Holman:** Does not believe the addition meets criteria (B) or (D), because the location of the addition is away from the streetscape, but could potentially meet (E) and/or (F) and would do more research

**Jarboe:** Doesn't believe addition meets criterion (B) but does meet (D). Believes it could be the best example of a 1980s addition, though struggles to place in context in other similar additions

**Holtzman:** Struggles in cases like this and doesn't feel confident in making a recommendation

**Campbell:** Doesn't feel comfortable as well and would need to evaluate further

**Sroufe:** Doesn't believe extending the landmark is a threat to the Library

**Motion [Holman/Holtzman]: Make no recommendation to the full ANC 8-0-0**

**10. Folger Landmark Interior Renovations to 1980s Building**

This case will only be heard if the landmark is approved. DCPL and the Library are in support of these changes. The work does not make any permanent changes to the interior.

**Motion [Holman/Holtzman]: Recommend support on consent 8-0-0**