



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

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May 15, 2017

Ms. Marnique Heath, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
1100 Fourth Street S.W. Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024

Re: 17 Sixth Street NE, HPA 17-298, revised application for concept approval for rear, rooftop, and garage additions.

Dear Ms. Heath,

On May 10, 2017, at a duly noticed regularly scheduled monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of five out of six commissioners and the public present, the current matter came before ANC 6C.

ANC 6C reviewed this application in April 2017, generally supporting the HPRB application, but opposing the parallel zoning application on the grounds of adverse impact to the light/air/privacy of 19 Sixth Street NE.

The revised concept, which requires no zoning relief, pulls the proposed addition away from the lot line abutting the light well at 19 Sixth Street, creating a closed court. The garage, which is noncontributing, is also narrowed to bring lot occupancy under 60%, and the applicant retained the changes (e.g., to front stairs and cornice) supported by the ANC in April.

One of the owners of 19 Sixth Street expressed concern about the proposed closed court creating a safety risk by cutting off a potential emergency escape route for her tenants.

A concern of the ANC was that the lead walk should be made narrower near the sidewalk, with the path widened only as necessary to accommodate the new basement entrance.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 5:0:0, to support the application. They appreciate that the applicant revised the plans, and expressed hope that the applicant would continue talking with 19 Sixth Street about their concerns.

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Thank you for giving great weight to recommendations of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen J. Wirt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "K" and "W".

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair