Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood
Commission 6C

May 23, 2018

Ms. Marnique Heath
Chair, Historic Preservation Review Board
1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024

Re: 216 8th St. NE (HPA 18-300; filed as 222 8th St. NE)

Dear Ms. Heath:

On May 9, 2018, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled monthly meeting, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, this case came before ANC 6C. The commissioners voted 6-0 to support the application and to authorize Commissioner Mark Eckenwiler (6C04) to present our views before the Board.

ANC 6C supports the applicant’s request to renovate this property and construct a modest rear addition—clearly subordinate to the historic structure—that will have very limited visibility from 8th St. We recommend the following conditions:

• that the proposed window wells be covered with flat grates at grade (as opposed to vertical guard railings);
• that the utility meters be relocated to be less visible; and
• that the applicant be required to conduct a pre-construction assessment of the adjacent historic church building; to erect a protective fence; to install devices to monitor vibrations; and to mitigate and resulting damage to the church structure.

In addition, we note the applicant’s expressed willingness to avoid referring to the project as a “rectory” or other term that might confuse the public. We also note the ongoing discussions between the applicant and church leadership over the prospect of erecting a fence along the shared lot line to prevent future misunderstandings over the boundary with the church property.

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

Sincerely,
Karen Wirt
Chair, ANC 6C

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