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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

October 14, 2013

Lloyd Jordan, Chairman
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

RE Application to HPRB with hearing #13-577 for proposed addition to 15 Dupont Circle (Patterson Mansion) (2B07)

Dear Chairman Jordan,

At its regular meeting on October 9, 2013, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-2):

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the proposed use of space and massing as presented to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for the property 15 Dupont Circle NW (Patterson Mansion, "Mansion"),

Whereas, ANC 2B appreciates the applicants' engagement with the community and the desire to maintain the beauty and grandeur of the "Mansion",

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the proposed use of space for 15 Dupont Circle, as the project as presented will maintain a significant portion of the historic interior space of the "Mansion" itself, the first two floors will be made open to the public and restored, and the third and fourth floors of the "Mansion" will be mostly maintained;

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the proposed project and sees this as an appropriate and preferred use, as this historic structure is a significant and a major contributing structure to the Dupont Circle historic overlay and is a contributing structure to Washington D.C. which will be preserved and made open to the public,

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the massing of the proposed six-story addition with a height of 65 feet that will replace the current two-story annex;

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Whereas, ANC 2B requests continued development of the design of the six-story addition adjacent to the "Mansion" with regard to window fenestration and materials for the south facade of the addition along P St and the west facade of the addition, as well as continued exploration on the P St facade to minimize impact from the overall massing; and

Whereas, ANC 2B supports the preservation of the existing historic drive and existing curb cuts, as the drive and existing curb cuts maintain the historic property and access to the site.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports the massing and proposed use of space as presented for 15 Dupont Circle NW.

Commissioners Leo Dwyer (leo.dwyer@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), and Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens
Chairman

Cc Richard Nero
Sara Bardin