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The Historic Preservation Committee of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society reviewed the plans for this project dated December 17, 213/July 22, 2014, and offers the following comments.

We believe that this modern interpretation of a storage building is effective and appropriate. The applicant plans to use the first story as an office, and the second story as a rental unit.

This is a storage building covering 100 percent of an alley lot. The applicant does not know when the building was constructed. Much of the building is deteriorated, and little of the historic fabric remains. The applicant believes that it is possible to save the brick walls, and has incorporated these walls into the project. The stacked wood elements suggest the building's original brick. The plans call for a sliding door, similar to the original door, to provide security when closed, and natural light into the space when open. A new second story has a similar sliding screen door. The roof deck is appropriate for an alley building with 100 percent lot coverage.

We believe that the project is compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Beth Purcell
Chair, Historic Preservation Committee

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