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The Commission is concerned that this BZA action mandating aesthetic design changes after the issuance of a valid building permit (and in mid-construction), would be not only contrary to the established public review process, but detrimental to the approved design for 1957 E Street. Any changes to the current approved design would require that a modified design permit be submitted to the Commission for review. This will cause unnecessary delay and expense to the University and appear to overturn our careful deliberations on this project. Therefore the Commission respectfully requests that the BZA reconsider its recommendation and let the project proceed without further delay or modification.

Sincerely,

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REMARKS:

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