

Dupont Circle Conservancy

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Board of Zoning Adjustment Hearing
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
BZA Case No. 17337, N Street Follies

Good morning Mr. Chairman and board members. My name is Richard Busch and I am president of the Dupont Circle Conservancy, a 501(c)(3), all volunteer neighborhood organization that works to maintain the historic and architectural character of the Dupont Circle Historic District. We accomplish this by having presentations made to our group on new construction and additions and making recommendations on them.

A presentation by the architects for this project was made to the Conservancy at its September 8, 2009 meeting. After that presentation, we developed the following resolution and recommendations:

The Conservancy appreciates the preservation of the historic buildings almost in their entirety as well as that the massing of the proposed new addition is set back from the existing N Street facades so that it will not be visible from N Street.

We recommend greater articulation of the alley façade of the proposed addition as a way to help reduce its visual presence.

We appreciate the design of the east wall of the proposed addition in an effort to respect the historic fabric of nearby properties, but would like to see greater transparency in its design.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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