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District of Columbia Office of Planning



August 17, 2016

Richard Grodsky
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Gaithersburg, MD 20885

Mr. Grodsky,

This letter is to notify you that the flag test conducted for your project at 1612-1616 7th Street NW successfully showed that the dimensions of the proposed addition have been revised sufficiently such that the addition will not result in substantial visibility from the 7th Street NW right-of-way. This assessment now means the Historic Preservation Office intends to approve a building permit for the addition as part of our delegated authority from the Historic Preservation Review Board (DCMR 10, Section 320.1). This action does not require further review by the Historic Preservation Review Board.

This project is for partial third and fourth floor additions to the two story buildings at 1612-1616 7th Street NW. The Historic Preservation Review Board heard the concept application (HPA #16-262) on June 23, 2016, at which time the proposal called for the addition to be visible from the 7th Street NW right-of-way. The Board found such visibility incompatible with the Shaw Historic District and advised you to set back and lower the addition such that it would not be substantially visible from 7th Street NW.

The flag test of August 3, 2016 modeled a 30 foot setback and a third floor cornice height 8 feet above the existing front parapet. This flag test was inspected by Historic Preservation Office staff and settled the Board's concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Brendan Meyer'.

J. Brendan Meyer
Historic Preservation Specialist
DC Historic Preservation Office

