

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Shepard Beamon, Development Review Specialist
Joel Lawson, Associate Director for Development Review

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBJECT: BZA #21168 – 1613 5th Street NW – Request for special exception relief to construct a third story with roof deck and a three-story plus cellar rear addition.

The applicant originally requested relief to replace and modify the existing roof top architectural elements. However, OP opposed this, as it would have resulted in a disruption of the linear continuity of the cornice line for homes on interior lots along the block, and would not align with the cornice of the property to the north. The initially proposed modification also included painting the cornice a darker color than the current white paint color which reinforced the change.

The applicant has agreed to amend their request and provide revised architectural drawings to the record, to propose no significant changes to the existing roof top elements. At this point, those revisions have not been filed to the record. Once they are, OP will provide a further report with analysis and recommendation regarding the updated application relief prior to the rescheduled public hearing.