

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting

March 26, 2026

The Historic Preservation Review Board met via WebEx at 9:00AM on March 26, 2026 to consider the following. Present at the meeting were Marnique Heath (Chair), Andrew Aurbach, Matthew Bell, Bill Marzella, Lauren McHale, Chris Morrison and Timothy Thomas. Absent: Gabrielle Miller.

DENIAL CALENDAR

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

418 4th Street SE, HPA 25-324, revised concept/demolition

The Board voted to recommend denial of the revised proposal as inconsistent with its regulations. Vote: 7-0.

AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Overview of Recently Completed Projects - 2026

LANDMARK DESIGNATION HEARING

Capitol Power Plant Pump House, 1520 1st Street SE, Case 21-05

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the designation and supported the staff's recommendation to work with the applicants to add context about the building typology and history of the Earth Conservation Corps before the nomination is forwarded to the National Register.

CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

635 North Carolina Avenue SE, HPA 26-81, revised concept/construct new aquatic center

The Board voted to approve the general concept expressing its preference for Option A with the skylights shown in Option B. However, the Board asked the applicant and staff to continue working on resolving the tension between the horizontal and vertical window expressions and investigating whether the landscape plan could aggregate the many small planters into fewer larger planters. Vote: 7-0.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

503-517 H Street NW, HPA 26-149, revised concept for hotel tower addition

The Board voted to approve the revised concept to add an additional floor with the proviso that approval of the concept did not constitute endorsement or support for any needed zoning relief. Vote: 6-0 (Heath recused)