

From: **Rafael Reyneri** reyneri@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 921 G St SE Reno plans
Date: March 31, 2021 at 9:21 AM
To: Michael Siemer siemer.michael@gmail.com
Cc: Cathryn Siemer siemer.cathryn@gmail.com, Dori Glanz dori.glanz@gmail.com



Hi Michael,

We're sorry to hear that the original plans weren't approved. We have no issue with you extending your building by five feet in the rear. And we support your application for a zoning variance.

Please let us know if you need a more formal statement of support. And good luck!

Rafa and Dori

On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 8:45 PM Michael Siemer <siemer.michael@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey Dori and Rafael,

We wanted to follow up with you in regards to our home renovation plans (it has been a slow process). Ultimately, we had to change our plans (see attached) to align with what the Historic Preservation Review Board (HRPB) would allow us to do. As they are a bit different from what you have seen, would you please review and let us know what you think?

Long story short, HRPB denied our original proposal we had shared with you (dog-leg fill in and pop-up). The reason is (as ridiculous as it is) that the pop-up is "not compatible" with the historic nature of the block, in particular the view from the side elevation on 10th street as it would be visible from that angle (as if the rear view is so beautiful from that side....). As a result we won't be able to add a third story, and we lost hope of adding a third bedroom.

While that was quite a disappointment we considered our alternatives since we do love living here. HRPB has approved the fill-in of the dog leg. However, just the dog-leg fill in alone does not give us the space we need. Upon inquiry the HRPB said we would be ok extending our 2 story building to the rear by 5 feet, which is what we are now proposing to DCRA. This requires us to apply for a zoning variance as it would mean our house covers more than 60% of the lot (fun fact: strangely, our front yard, as well as yours, is technically public property and does not count). It would be great if you would be supportive of this modified project, as it'll provide us more space for living as well as a separate home office. If this looks good to you, we'd appreciate you responding with a brief statement of approval so we can submit to DCRA.

We are happy to chat if you want to know more.

Thank you,
Michael

On Sat, Jan 16, 2021 at 10:47 PM Rafael Reyneri <reyneri@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks—confirming receipt and good luck!

On Sat, Jan 16, 2021 at 10:38 PM Michael Siemer <siemer.michael@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Dori and Rafa,

I am required to send you the attached public notice, there is nothing you need to do on your end. It contains a link to essentially the same document I had already emailed you. Bureaucracy at work....

Hope you guys are doing well.

Cheers,
Michael

On Jan 2, 2021, at 3:14 PM, Rafael Reyneri <reyneri@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Michael, thanks for taking the time to walk us through your plans. Here's the email supporting your plan. Wasn't sure to whom to direct the letter—happy to revise as needed.

-Rafa

To whom it may concern:

My wife and I, Rafael and Dorothy Reyneri, reside at [923 G ST SE](#). We write in support of Michael Siemer's planned renovation, including the third-floor pop-up. Michael walked us through his plans, and we have no concerns with this well-thought out approach. We urge you to approve Michael's application.

Regards

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.20502
EXHIBIT NO.11

Regards,
Rafael

On Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 10:31 AM Michael Siemer <siemer.michael@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Dori, Rafael,

Attached are our current Reno plans for [921 G St SE](#).

Cheers,
Michael