

## District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



March 15, 2004

Lisa Burcham, Associate Director Historic Preservation Office 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 3000 Washington, DC 20002

Re: HPA 04-133 (251 8th Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Burcham,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on March 11, 2004, ANC 6A voted unanimously to recommend that the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) withhold concept approval for a rear addition at 251 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NE until the following conditions are met:

- 1) Substantial and satisfactory progress is made on rebuilding the demolished portions of the property; and
- 2) The developer presents plans and drawings of the proposed addition to the Economic Development & Zoning Committee of ANC 6A.

With respect to the first recommendation, it is important that HPO ensure that all possible steps are taken to ensure full restoration of damaged architectural and structural details before allowing expansion of the building. HPO should be satisfied with the integrity of the on-going restoration before approving additional work of high visibility along C Street, NE.

With respect to the second recommendation, you should be aware that the developer met with Commissioner Cody Rice of Single Member District 6A03 on February 27, 2004. The developer promised to send relevant plans and drawing of the proposed addition to share with affected residents and the ANC. As of the date of this letter, the developer has not provided these plans.

ANC 6A asks that the Historic Preservation Office continue to inform applicants requiring approval from HPRB of the expectation to meet with the ANC's Economic Development & Zoning Committee so that the ANC will have an opportunity to provide timely input to HPRB decisions. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Commissioner Rice, Chair of ANC 6A's Economic Development and Zoning Committee, at 202-544-3734.

Respectfully yours,

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