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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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March 9, 2012

Ms. Catherine Buell, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
1100 Fourth Street SW, Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024

Re: HPA #12-260 (1321-1323 Constitution Avenue NE – concept review)

Dear Ms. Buell:

At our regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on March 15, 2012, our Commission voted 7-1 (with five commissioners required for a quorum) to support the conceptual redevelopment plans for the above referenced application.

The applicant, Mr. Robert Bailey and his architect, Mr. Martin Ditto, presented massing plans to redevelop 1321-1323 Constitution Avenue NE at our Economic Development and Zoning Committee's February 15, 2012 meeting. The conceptual plans call for a second story addition at 1323 Constitution Avenue and 3rd floor recessed additions to 1321 and 1323 Constitution Avenue. The third floor additions will not be visible to a pedestrian on the opposite side of the street. In addition, the conceptual plans show the demolition of the garage at the rear of the property. The ANC believes that the plans as presented adequately balance the developer's need to increase the property's floor area while minimizing the massing changes to the buildings' facades.

In addition, the Commission would like to note that it strongly prefers retaining the historic reading of the architectural elements of 1323 Constitution Avenue in the final plans.

Please be advised that Dr. Drew Ronneberg and Melissa Boyette, AIA, are authorized to represent the ANC for the purposes of this case. Commissioner Ronneberg can be reached at 202.431.4305 or ronneberg6a02@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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