April 6, 2020

Mr. Matthew Marcou  
Associate Director for Public Space Regulation  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Re: Public Space Application # 346179 - 1387 NC Ave. NE, fence that exceeds 42” in public parking in Capitol Hill Historic District

Dear Mr. Marcou,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on March 12, 2020, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to raise no objections to a public space application #346179 for a fence that exceeds 42” in public parking in Capitol Hill Historic District – provided that corrections are made to the existing application which does not correctly list the height of the fence and does not state the name of the current owner (Adrienne Melanson).

The fence is of a type (board on board) and height (> 42 inches) that would generally be considered inappropriate in public parking within the Capitol Hill Historic District. However, the fence that is the subject of the permit replaced an existing fence in roughly the same location. The permit is “retroactive” because the previous owner did a great deal of unpermitted work, fence included. The ANC cannot fully support such a fence, not wanting to set a precedent. But will not raise objections, so that the current owner is not further inconvenienced – provided that the permit application is corrected.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC’s feedback on this public space issue. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at amberanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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