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Timothy Dennee
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801 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 3000
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Re: Historic Landmark Application #02-03 (1341 Maryland Avenue, NE)

Dear Mr. Dennee:

At the regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 13, 2004, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the above referenced Historic Landmark Application for Old Engine House 10 at 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE.

Historic landmark status would protect the external appearance of the building from significant modification without the approval of the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), would make the property eligible for certain tax incentives, and would still allow the adaptive reuse of the interior. Since this building is not in a historic district, without landmark status it could be demolished or razed without community input. The property is currently owned by the DC government and under the control of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and its future is of great interest to residents of ANC 6A.

According to the application, this firehouse has a "Queen Anne Revival façade. . .characterized by ornate brickwork and terra cotta." A decorative tablet on the faced indicates that the firehouse was "Erected 1894." Our Commission agrees that building has considerable historical merit and architectural importance for the surrounding neighborhood. We urge HPRB to grant historic landmark status to this building.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose