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ANC3C Resolution 2019-010
Regarding Demolition of 1930 Addition and Concept Approval of New
Addition at John Eaton Elementary School, 3301 Lowell Street

Whereas, John Eaton Elementary School is located within the Cleveland Park Historic District and it is the last Ward 3 public elementary school to be modernized; and

Whereas, the small lot is fully occupied with a playground and school buildings built in 1910 and 1923 with a 1930 connector addition -all deemed contributing; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) undertook a Feasibility Study to explore how program goals and standards could be achieved at the site while respecting the historic buildings and the surrounding historic residential neighborhood; and

Whereas, DCPS, with advice from the school community and neighborhood, concluded that the 1930 addition could not be efficiently and cost-effectively remodeled to provide the projected program needs, and thus, recommended that it be replaced; and

Whereas, DCPS is requesting support to demolish the 1930 addition as necessary to the public interest; and

Whereas, DCPS proposes to restore historic features of the 1910 and 1923 buildings, including the entrance doors, surrounds and canopies, and to maintain view sheds to the buildings; and

Whereas, DCPS proposes to substantially follow the footprint of the 1930 addition with a new 3-story plus basement structure and to attach it to the 1910 and 1923 buildings with glass hyphens; and

Whereas, DCPS further proposes to distinguish the new structure from the older structures by placing windows asymmetrically and in varying sizes on the addition facades and by using a variety of sheathing materials to 1) suggest the predominate brick facades of the older buildings, and 2) to diminish the appearance of the mass; and

Whereas, DCPS has outlined in the site plan how the playground could be organized to provide better linkages from the buildings to the outside and to create age-appropriate play spaces:

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C agrees with DCPS' presentation that it is imperative that the 1910 and 1923 contributing buildings be preserved and restored where possible, and that it would be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of preservation law to demolish the 1930 addition in order to adapt the program to current educational standards and goals;

Be It Further Resolved that ANC 3C supports a modern architectural addition that would be compatible with the character of the historic district, but urges the HPRB to guide the applicant to represent the strong and consistent rhythm of the older buildings' facades in the new structure's facades;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C urges the HPRB to work with the applicant to reduce the number of sheathing materials and to avoid using any brick-colored material since that is the predominate palette of the older buildings and the ANC has heard from many of the school's neighbors that they would prefer a more neutral palette;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C strongly supports this project and wants to ensure that the evolution of the design recognize the prominence of the older buildings, the very small lot size, and the proximity of the new structure to the historic residential neighborhood;

Be It Resolved that the Chair and her designee(s) are authorized the represent the commission on this matter, but the commission would like to further review any changes to the design and the development of the playground and the perimeter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy J. MacWood".

Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on May 20, 2019

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on May 20, 2019 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.