ANC3C Resolution 2024-xx Regarding Historic Preservation Review Board application for 3518 Newark Street NW for restoration of front façade to original appearance, and removal of existing addition and construction of new rear addition (HPA 25-87)

Whereas, the owners of 3518 Newark Street NW (the "Applicant"), a property and contributing structure located in the Cleveland Park Historic District (the "Contributing Property") have filed with the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for concept review of two alternations ("the Concept Proposal"): (1) restoration of the front façade to its approximate 1912 appearance and (2) demolition of a 1960s two-story rear addition (the "Existing Addition") and side terrace and construction of a new two and one-half story rear addition (the "New Addition");

Whereas the 1960s front façade alteration, side terrace and Existing Addition, predated the 1987 creation of the Cleveland Park Historic District and the historic district's period of significance (1880-1941);

Whereas, Applicant specifically proposes to restore the Property's front façade to its approximate 1912 appearance by replicating the original one-story open front porch and historic window patterns, based on historical evidence submitted by Applicant to date, and according to the D.C. Historic Preservation Office "will better relate to the character of the historic district" (HPO Staff Report, 3518 Newark Street NW, HPA 25-87, December 13, 2024);

Whereas, Applicant's commitment to restore the Property's front façade to its original 1912 appearance is commendable;

Whereas, the proposed New Addition will be at least 50 feet from Newark Street while the west elevation will be visible, the New Addition will be lower and smaller in scale than the original house so that it is subordinate and deferential to the original house, and the New Addition's side walls will be brought slightly inward to help differentiate between the mass of the original house and the New Addition;

Be It Resolved that ANC 3C has no objection to the Concept Proposal, including the removal of the Existing Addition and related 1960s alterations, the restoration of the Property's front façade to its approximate 1912 appearance, and the proposed massing and scale of the New Addition; and encourages the Applicant and its architect to work with HPO staff on final placement of dormers and windows on the visible west elevation proportionate to the New Addition.

Be It Resolved that the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C08 are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.