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ANC 3C Resolution 2011-062

Regarding HPRB Application for the Renovation of the Cleveland Park Firehouse

WHEREAS ANC3C has been informed that the DC Fire and Emergency Management Services (FEMS) has an application for concept approval pending before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) to change the façade of Engine Company 28’s Fire Station, a contributing property within the Cleveland Park Historic District; and

WHEREAS it is generally inappropriate to change the façade of an historic structure unless it is being returned to its original architecture or renovated to be consistent with the rhythm and character of the historic district where current conditions cannot be confirmed as historic but conflict with the rhythm and character of the historic district; and

WHEREAS the level of the proposed reconstruction of the façade is not compatible with the character of the building; and

WHEREAS the ANC and the Cleveland Park community has had a long-term interest in having the station renovated and made safe for firefighters; and

WHEREAS the ANC was not notified that there was an historic preservation component to the renovation and FEMS solicited construction contracts based on a design that had not been approved by HPRB; and

WHEREAS ANC3C ANC does not have authority to balance use against Historic Preservation (HP) issues; and

WHEREAS the Mayor's Agent's role is to examine cases such as this and make findings that would apply citywide and determine this application has special merit, meaning the function is in the public interest and outweighs HP concerns; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C recommends that the application be considered by the Mayor’s Agent to make the determination regarding a city-wide policy as to how preservation of the city’s historic fire houses will be treated in light of the safety needs of the communities they serve; and

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C recommends that the Mayor's Agent investigate how other cities have dealt with preserving their historic fire stations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner for ANC3C05, the Chair, or the Chair's designee, is authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by



Anne-Marie Bairstow
Chair, on November 15, 2011

This resolution was approved by a roll-call vote of 5-1 with 2 abstentions on November 15, 2011 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.