



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

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Resolution Regarding the Proposed Building in the Spring Valley Shopping Center

WHEREAS, the Spring Valley Shopping Center, otherwise known as Square 1500, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003, necessitating a review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) when changes are contemplated to the property.

WHEREAS, Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRE) purchased the property in 2014 and is considering adding a building to the site where part of the parking lot currently exists. The proposed building must be approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) in relation to the Historic designation

WHEREAS, according to the 2003 National Register of Historic Properties registration form Square 1500 did evolve significantly over time; portions of the lot that were originally dedicated to parking were developed and a gas station that was on the lot was readapted for use as a restaurant.

WHEREAS, the shopping center, while not within the boundaries of ANC 3E, lies directly across the street from those boundaries, is frequented often by residents of the ANC, and is part of the community fabric that comprises the ANC, such that residents would have a significant interest in commercial and retail development at the shopping center.

WHEREAS, ANC 3E has examined the proposed development's plans and associated documentation along with the tenets of the historic designation requirements that govern the site.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of these considerations, ANC 3E adopts the following resolution.

RESOLVED, ANC 3E supports the development of the site as planned and considers the building compatible with the historic designation of the overall site. ANC 3E also believes that both the form and function of the lot have changed over time and believes the proposed design complements the other buildings in the center and is keeping with both its historic character and the manner in which usage of the lot has changed over time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ANC 3E looks forward to the enhanced retail and attendant vibrancy that it believes this development can bring to the shopping center and the community at large.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on April 8th, 2015, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, McHugh, Quinn, Hall, and Wallace in attendance.

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By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson