



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

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April 27, 2016

Ms. Jackie Stanley
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Dear Ms. Stanley:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25, 2016 (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of nine of nine members was present) ANC4B voted (7 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain) to adopt the attached resolution making recommendations regarding the design of the Engine 22 building to be constructed at 6825 Georgia Avenue N.W.

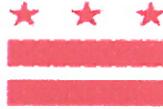
The Commission submits this resolution under the provisions of DC Code 1-309.10(a) through 1-309.10(h)(1), which require, among other things, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission recommendations be given "great weight" by DC government agencies, that DC government agencies "articulate with particularity and precision the reasons why the Commission does or does not offer persuasive advice under the circumstances. In doing so, the government entity must articulate specific findings and conclusions with respect to each issue and concern raised by the Commission."

The Commission looks forward to your timely response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Ronald Austin, ANC 4B06
Chairperson

cc: Commissioners, ANC 4B
Mr. Matt Floca, Department of General Services
Deputy Fire Chief David Foust
Hon. Brandon Todd, Councilmember, Ward 4
Mr. Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director, Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions



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RESOLUTION #4B-16-0407
Recommendations to Department of General Services
Regarding the Design of the Engine 22 Building
Adopted April 25, 2016

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (the Commission) has received a report and recommendations from its Standing Committee on Design Review. This report is attached to this resolution.

ANC 4B takes note of the following:

- Engine 22 is a key building on Georgia Avenue, located at the gateway to Walter Reed and Upper Georgia Avenue and directly across the street from several of its major historic buildings, including the Officers' Quarters (Buildings 8 and 9). It is likely to sit on the site for a century or more. Its design should be of gateway quality.
- ANC 4B's adopted February 22, 2016 resolution states,
 - *"That as the project moves through the design approval process with the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Department of General Services (DGS), that **members of the Design Review Committee shall work with the DGS, CFA and NCPC staffs** for the purpose of raising and addressing design concerns as expressed by the community, and especially to assure that the design, massing and height of the building be consistent with the neighborhood."* (emphasis added)
- The Department of General Services (DGS) has not responded in writing to ANC 4B's February 22, 2016 resolution. ANC 4B and its Design Review Committee have not had the opportunity to review and discuss the latest proposed design with architects and other city officials.

- DGS's stated timetable for final CFA approval will effectively deny ANC 4B the "great weight" required by DC Law Section 1-309.10. Specifically, the Design Review Committee has attempted to meet with DGS on several occasions, most recently at its April 16 meeting. A DGS staff member said that it needs more time to refine the design and will meet with the Design Review Committee at its May 12 meeting.
- However, this DGS staff member also told the Design Review Committee that DGS plans to submit its design to the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) for final approval at its May 19 hearing. This means that DGS must file its final design by May 5. This deadline is prior to the Design Review Committee's May 12 meeting and ANC 4B's May 23 meeting. If this timetable is followed, ANC 4B will be denied "Great Weight," as per Section 1.309.10 of DC law.

RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B:

- Calls on DGS to delay submitting any design proposal to CFA until its June 2016 meeting or later. This will give ANC 4B and its Design Review Committee an opportunity to fully review the amended proposal.
- Reaffirms its request that DGS provide adequate space for community use in the building, including offices for ANC 4B and possibly ANC 4A, and for a community meeting room that can accommodate 60 or more people.
- Calls on DGS to respond in writing to ANC 4B's February 22, 2016 Resolution (Attached).
- Requests that DGS provide the Design Review Committee and ANC 4B with the manufacturer's samples of the fins (glass panels) that show the full range of color options, including the blue and reddish tones so that the Committee and ANC4B can see how material will look in the light. Brick samples should also be provided.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission designates Commissioner Andre Carley, ANC 4B01 and Commissioner Frank Jones III, ANC 4B02, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in the event one or both of the designated representative Commissioners cannot carry out his representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chairperson to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that consistent with DC Code §1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of nine of nine members was present) on April 25, 2016, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain.

From the adopted minutes of ANC 4B's February 22, 2016 public meeting:

The adopted resolution:

The Design Review Committee of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (the Commission) has reviewed the proposed design for a new fire station at 6825 Georgia Avenue NW (Engine 22). The Committee's report is attached to this resolution and is incorporated herein.

The Committee has recommended that the Commission support the construction of a fire station at this site as necessary for the community.

RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports the proposed design of the Engine 22 fire station with the following recommendations:

- *That the District of Columbia to perform an analysis evaluating the feasibility of this site to be mixed use.*
- *That an analysis be done by DC to ensure that the building's program is in line with the District's multi-pronged goals...not just its singular need for a fire station.*
- *That as the project moves through the design approval process with the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Department of General Services (DGS), that members of the Design Review Committee shall work with the DGS, CFA and NCPC staffs for the purpose of raising and addressing design concerns as expressed by the community, and especially to assure that the design, massing and height of the building be consistent with the neighborhood.*
- *That DGS needs to ensure that the garage opening permits a turning radius that is sufficient for all equipment to use Butternut Street as necessary for east-west fire vehicle travel.*
- *That DGS, with the assistance of DC City Councilmembers, ensure that funding is in place for the system prior to the opening of the station, either by aggressively advocating DDOT for it or by including additional money in the Engine 22 construction budget.*

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, consistent with Councilmember Anita Bonds' initiative to reduce costs to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions by, among other things, providing rent-free office space in District

Government building, the Commission recommends and requests that DGS and DC Fire/EMS provide office and meeting space for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, possibly to share with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A.

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Whereas,

- 1) Engine 22 is a key building on Georgia Avenue, located at the gateway to Walter Reed and Upper Georgia Avenue and directly across the street from several of its major historic buildings, including the Officers' Quarters (Buildings 8 and 9). It is likely to sit on the site for a century or more. Its design should be of gateway quality.
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- 4) DGS's stated timetable for final CFA approval will effectively deny ANC 4B the "great weight" required by DC Law Section 1-309.10. Specifically, the Design Review Committee has attempted to meet with DGS on several occasions, most recently at its April 16 meeting. A DGS staff member said that it needs more time to refine the design and will meet with the Design Review Committee at its May 12 meeting.
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Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

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