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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD RECORD OF DECISION

Meeting Date

September 26, 2019

DRB Case No.

PDR 1904141

Address Drive

2625 E. Chevy Chase

Applicant

Edward Hagobian

Project Summary:

To construct a new three-story, 2,188 square-foot single-family residence and an attached two-car garage on a 9,966 square-foot lot in the R1R, District II zone. The subject lot is currently vacant.

Design Review:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Arzoumanian			Х			
Benlian			Х			
Boyajyan		Х	Х		11	
Simonian					X	
Welch	X		Х			
Totals			4	0	1	
DRB Decision	Approve with conditions					

Conditions:

- Landscape plans shall be amended to include trailing plant material adjacent to retaining walls to soften the appearance of these walls.
- 2. Stucco used on the building façade shall be smooth-faced.
- 3. Second floor awnings shall be composed of metal and may be a dark brown color.

Analysis:

Site Planning:

The proposed site planning is appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- The proposed residence is located in the center of the lot in a neighborhood with an eclectic mix of lot sizes and shapes and residential site plans.
- The garage location is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood.

• Landscape plans will be amended to include plants which due to their trailing growth habit will soften the appearance of the retaining walls located on the site.

Mass and Scale:

The proposed massing and scale are appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- The building form of the proposed residence steps back to follow the topography of the site.
- The proposed flat roof reinforces the modern design of the residence.
- The scale and proportion of the proposed residence relates to its eclectic neighborhood by deemphasizing the garage, providing a modest, yet well-defined entry and highlighting the horizontality of the design, consistent with the modern style.

Design and Detailing:

The proposed design and detailing are appropriate, as modified by any proposed conditions, to the site and its surroundings for the following reasons:

- The entry to the residence is appropriately highlighted without appearing monumental.
- The materials proposed on the facade, including the split–faced concrete block, stucco, siding and anodized aluminum dark brown windows reinforce the modern style of the residence.
- As conditioned, the stucco will be smooth-faced and the second floor awnings will be a metal material to re-inforce the high level of material quality of the residence.

Notes:

Contact the case planner for an appointment for a DRB stamp. DRB stamps will no longer be stamped over the counter without an appointment.

The Design Review Board approves the design of project only. Approval of a project by the Design Review Board does not constitute an approval of compliance with the Zoning Code and/or Building Code requirements.

If an appeal is not filed within the 15-day appeal period of the Design Review Board decision, plans may be approved for Building Division plan check. Prior to Building Division plan check submittal, Design Review Board approved plans must be stamped approved by the Design Review staff.

Any changes to the approved plans may constitute returning to the Design Review Board for approval. Prior to Building Division plan check submittal, all changes in substantial conformance with approved plans by the Design Review Board must be on file with the Planning Division.