



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

November 20, 2011

Catherine Buell, Chairman
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
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Washington, DC 20002
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Re: Request for approval of concept design review for the Third Church of Christ, Scientist, in preparation for presentation at HPRB. Report by Zoning, Preservation, & Development Committee (2B05)

Dear Ms. Buell:

At its regular meeting on November 9, 2011, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With all Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0).

ANC 2B supports the concept design as presented and makes the following observations:

1. The ANC appreciates the open design and inviting 16th Street entrance, especially the faceted crystalline ornamentation atop the church entrance;
2. The ANC also appreciates the preservation and expansion of vegetative space and efforts to accommodate large trees between the sidewalk and building facade, as well as smaller street trees in a pattern matching the master landscaping plan of 16th Street.
3. The ANC is concerned that the parking vault may impede the growth of trees and suggests limiting the vault to the 2nd and 3rd parking levels;
4. The ANC has the following comment about the massing of the structure: The ANC feels that the 1st setback of the glass section (9th floor along 16th Street and 10th floor along I Street) might better relate to the cornices of the adjacent buildings on both 16th and I Streets.

Commissioners Victor Wexler (victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) and Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) are the representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Will Stephens, Chair

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