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Concerning HPO's Draft Guidelines for Door Repair and Replacement

Resolved, that ANC 1D advises the Historic Preservation Office to amend the Door Repair and Replacement Preservation and Design Guidelines in keeping with the following feedback:

RE: 1.1, documentation that repair is not feasible should not be required for replacement doors that are compatible and substantially similar.

RE: 1.4, further qualification should be added regarding what is meant by “reasonable” and “special,” to prevent the overbroad application of this guideline in the future.

RE: 2.1, HPO may encourage owners to repair doors rather than replace them, but the owner should be free to replace the door without justification so long as the replacement door replicates the character of the historic door.

RE: requirements for HPO permit review on page 21, deterioration need not be documented by photograph so long as the replacement door is compatible and substantially similar. Further, dimensioned drawings should not be required for replacing a door if the dimensions of the replacement door are the same as the replaced door.

Why: This updated guideline document is informative and helpful, and the effort HPO has put into it is commendable. ANC 1D anticipates most homeowners who need or want to replace a door in the Mount Pleasant Historic District will naturally choose a compatible replacement. In particular, most of Mount Pleasant’s houses were mass-produced according to standards of the day and compatible replacement doors remain readily available. These cases should be handled with a minimum of hassle and documentation to ensure that living in the Mount Pleasant Historic District is neither financially nor administratively more burdensome than necessary.

Resolution passed, 4 to 0 vote, at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on July 24, 2018, with a quorum present. Voting “yes”: Commissioners Stewart, McKay, Romero-Latin, Karaffa. *A quorum for this commission is three; four commissioners were present.*