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April 5, 2016

Mr. William Kirwan
Historic Preservation Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: 6915 and 6917 Laurel Avenue

Dear Mr. Kirwan,

The Takoma Park Facade Advisory Board met on March 8, 2016, to review design proposals for 6915 and 6917 Laurel Avenue. The proposal was presented by John Urciolo, property owner, for new windows. The proposal is to be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission.

John Urciolo presented a proposal for new storefront windows and framing to replace the original historic midcentury building storefront metal frames and glass. Owner's proposal to match adjacent modern storefronts at Park Florist and the U.S. Post Office is not in keeping with 6915 and 6917 Laurel Avenue existing profiles, sight lines and detail.

The Board passed the following motion unanimously:

The Board rejects the application as submitted. The applicant has the following options:

1. Repair existing framing in place;
2. Replace storefront framing in kind;
3. Replace to match, with materials and style exhibiting profile and sight lines similar to the existing system. This option requires Board approval.

Thank you for the ongoing efforts of the Commission to preserve the unique architectural character of our historic business district. If you have any questions regarding the Board's action, please call me at 301-891-7205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosalind Grigsby".

Rosalind Grigsby
Community Development Coordinator