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TO: Mayor's Agent for D.C. Law 2-144, Public Law 808, and Public Law 231, for those applications also subject to D.C. Law 2-144

The accompanying application is returned by the Commission of Fine Arts with recommendation as noted:

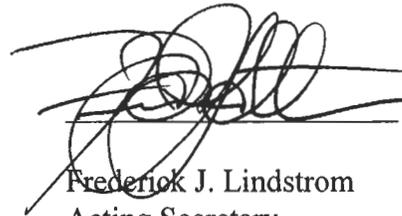
O.G. 05-099 (HPA 05-172)

1611 Wisconsin Avenue, NW (Lot 101 - Square 1280)

Commerce Bank NA

Two-story bank building, alterations to parking lot and landscaping - revised design
Concept

RECOMMENDATION: No objection to the general concept of the proposed demolition of the Reed Electric building and to the construction of a new two-story Commerce Bank branch building on this prominent site on upper Wisconsin Avenue as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 16 March 2005. Recommend further study of increased use of brick, particularly on the south facade; reconsideration of trellis with vines; further study of depth of cornice detail; and submission of sign scheme and alternative locations for the rooftop antennas. No objection to proposed landscaping treatment surrounding the parking lot. File new submission of concept design development for review by the Commission and its Old Georgetown Board when ready.



Frederick J. Lindstrom
Acting Secretary