

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 14-09A



A request by Arlington County Public Schools, the owner of 5800 North Washington Boulevard in the Swanson Middle School Historic District, to reauthorize expired CoA 14-09 (remove and replace six steel arched windows).

For DRC (*circle those present*): **Robert Dudka, Charles Craig, Charles Matta, Andrew Wenchel, Tova Solo, Joan Lawrence, John Peck**

For Arlington County (*circle those present*): **Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Rebecca Ballo, John Liebertz**

Case # 14-06A Agenda Item # 8

Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s): Arlington County Schools

For Applicant(s): HP Staff

(See attached application for applicant, address, name of property and property description, drawings, photographs, and proposed scope of work.)

Design Recommendations:

1. No comment

Findings:

Return to next DRC meeting

Send to HALRB

If sent to HALRB, recommended action is:

Place on consent agenda



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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: HALRB
FROM: John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: April 11, 2016
SUBJECT: 5800 Washington Boulevard, Case 14-09A, Swanson Middle School Historic District

Architectural Description of Swanson School

Built in 1939, Swanson Middle School is architecturally distinctive as an excellent example of the Colonial Revival (Georgian Classical Revival) style. The building is the only stylistic example of Colonial Revival school architecture that remains in Arlington and is the oldest extant middle school. The local historic district nomination describes the evolution of the building:

The original building, constructed in 1939, consisted of a 2½-story main block with prominent two-story perpendicular wings flanking each side. The ends of the flanking wings mirror the front fenestration, each containing two pairs of identical windows on both floors. The original building contained 12 classrooms, a library, an auditorium, a small cafeteria, an office, and a gymnasium.

Subject Proposal

Arlington County Public Schools (APS), the owner of 5800 Washington Boulevard, requests reauthorization of approved CoA 14-09 to replace the steel windows on the gymnasium. In November 2014, the HALRB approved the subject application of replacing the existing steel windows with Hope's simulated divided light (SDL) steel windows.

Design Review Committee (DRC) and HPP Staff Recommendation

The DRC had no comments regarding the reauthorization of this application and recommended that the item be placed on the consent agenda for the April 20, 2016, HALRB meeting. Staff finds that the request meets the intent of the *Swanson Middle School Design Guidelines* and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* (Standard #6) and recommends approval.