

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
NRD-2014-0100
500 E. Sixth Street
Sixth Street

PROPOSAL

Construct a rooftop addition.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to construct a rooftop addition to a contributing building within the Sixth Street Historic District. The addition will consist of a deck right up to the parapet wall with a steel trellis beginning 13.5 feet back from the front parapet. The rooftop will also have a glass-framed stair enclosure and a bar addition at the rear with prefinished steel panels. The front of the bar addition will be set approximately 25 feet back from the front parapet. A new guardrail and planters are proposed for the edge of the parapet. The windows and doors will be refurbished.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The building is contributing to the Sixth Street National Register Historic District, which has Architectural Design Guidelines, providing:

- ◆ Minimize the visual impact of rooftop uses as seen from the street.
- ◆ Set activities back such that they are not visible from the sidewalk below. At a minimum, they should be set back the height of a one-story building. This includes trees, umbrellas, and tables.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff cannot recommend this proposal, as even though the bar is set significantly back from the front parapet, the rooftop area, including the planters and trees, are right up on the parapet, in violation of the Architectural Design Guidelines for Sixth Street.



Photo of the building dating from around 1957 shows casement windows in the upper story.



Photo of the building around 1980 shows the current 2:2 windows in the second story.