

PROPOSAL:

Erickson Sullivan Architects requests a certificate of appropriateness for work at 701 P Street, the Creamery Building, in the Haymarket Landmark District.

DISCUSSION:

The Creamery Building was constructed in two campaigns, 1900 and 1904, to house the Beatrice Creamery Company.



701 P Street, circa 1900



701 P Street, 1905

The principal façade of the building faces north towards the intersection of 7th & P Streets and the “forecourt” of Lincoln Station formed by 7th Street between P and Q Streets. The west side of the Creamery was a loading area facing the tracks, but was also treated architecturally as a major façade. A concrete dock provides pedestrian access across the west façade at the first floor level.

The current proposal would insert a serving window into the lower sash of an existing window opening on the west façade, for the Indigo Bridge, a bookstore and coffee house.



EXISTING CONDITION



PROPOSED MODIFICATION

THE CREAMERY BUILDING - INDIGIO BRIDGE SERVING WINDOW

The lower sash of the window would be retained in a raised position. The infill serving window would be securely affixed but would be reversible without major reconstruction. A cut sheet of the serving window is attached. The actual unit used would be custom manufactured to fit the existing opening.

I'm addressing this item to the Commission because window modifications on primary facades are typically of critical concern. In this instance, the proposed window has a minimal visual impact on its façade, does not remove any significant architectural elements, and is reversible.

Recommended finding:

The proposed work is reversible and has minimal impact on the character of the Haymarket Landmark District.

Recommended action:
Approval of a certificate of appropriateness.

