

OFFICE OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

Owner Presentation

2413 I Street NW

Proposed Entryway Modification & Architectural Compatibility Review

LANDMARK / DISTRICT

Foggy Bottom Historic District

ADDRESS

2413 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

HEARING DATE

20 May 2026

CASE NUMBER

HPA 26-208

Purpose of the Request

Seeking approval to modify the front entrance of 2413 I Street NW to restore its original historic character.

EXISTING CONDITION

Flush, square entryway

The entrance door is currently flush with the front façade and features an altered square opening. This configuration does not reflect the original historic character of the property.

PROPOSED REQUEST

Recessed, arched entryway

Recess the front door and construct a traditional arched entryway consistent with neighboring historic properties in the Foggy Bottom Historic District.

Existing Layout of the Entrance

Current condition: flush door with altered square opening



Street view — flush entry



Close-up — current door condition

Historic Photograph — 2415 to 2419 I Street, c. 1955



Source: 2415–2419 I St., July 1955 (Vogt Collection), foggybottomassociation.org

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Duvall & Marr rowhouses

The rowhouses at 2413–2419 I Street NW, constructed by Duvall and Marr in 1885, originally featured slightly recessed entrances with arched entryways.

The properties at 2413 through 2417 no longer reflect their original façade design. The original façades were altered following damage from the construction of the Metro subway tunnel beneath I Street in the early 1970s, and the entrances were subsequently rebuilt in a more modern style.

The adjacent 1955 photograph documents the original character of the streetscape.

Surrounding Area — 2502 I Street NW



KEY FEATURE Recessed doorway with arched entrance

Surrounding Area — 2419 I Street NW



KEY FEATURE Traditional arched entrance

Surrounding Area — 2400 to 2408 I Street NW

Properties directly across the street



KEY FEATURE

Properties across the street feature traditional arched entrances

Surrounding Area — 2423 I Street NW



KEY FEATURE

Recessed doorway with arched entrance

Advantages of the Proposed Modifications

1 Architectural Compatibility

Most townhouses along this section of I Street feature traditional arched entrances rather than square openings — including 2419, 2421, 2423, 2427, and 2502 I Street NW. The proposal aligns with the historic character of the streetscape.

2 Weather Protection

A recessed entrance provides practical shelter when opening and closing the front door during rain and adverse weather conditions.

3 Improved Safety

Access requires ascending six steps. A recessed entryway creates a safer, more functional landing area when entering or exiting the home.

4 Visual Enhancement

Combined with historically appropriate lighting, the recessed entryway reinforces the elegance and architectural character typical of the historic district.

Proposed Layout of the Entryway



Rendered proposal — 2413 I Street NW

MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED

- 1 Recess the doorway by approximately 30 inches
- 2 Construct an arched opening above the entry door
- 3 Install historically appropriate lighting
- 4 Install red brick paving within the recessed entryway

Before and After Proposal

EXISTING



Current condition

PROPOSED



Recessed door with arched entryway

Thank you

for your time and consideration

Respectfully submitted for Advisory Neighborhood Commission Review

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