

Docket Item # 4
BAR CASE # 2012-0170

BAR Meeting
June 20, 2012

ISSUE: Request for partial demolition

APPLICANT: Lyle and Christine Roberts by Patrick Camus

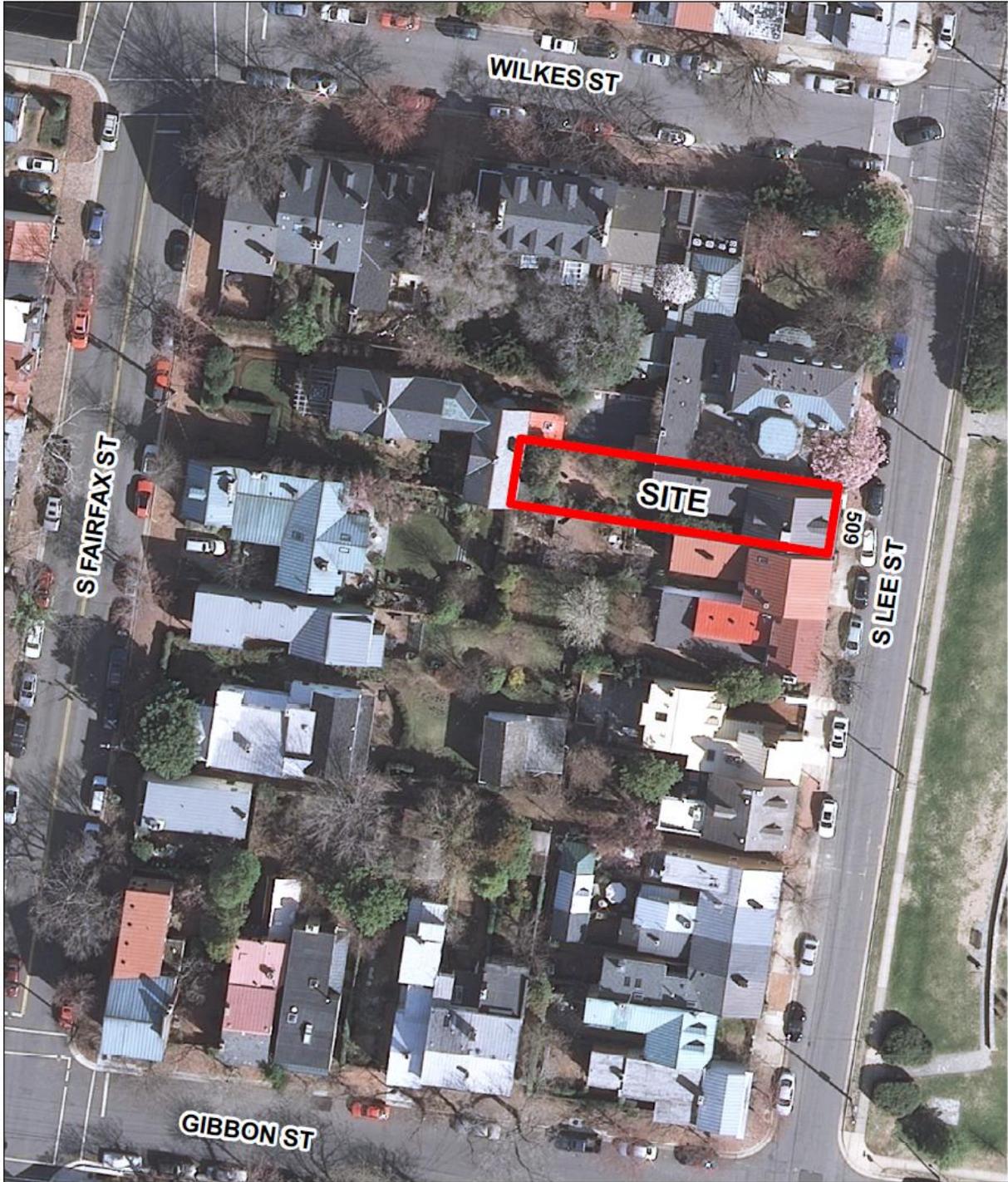
LOCATION: 509 South Lee Street

ZONE: RM / Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

****EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE:** In accordance with Sections 10-106(B) and 10-206(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, any official Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of issuance if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.

****BUILDING PERMIT NOTE:** Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Building and Fire Code Administration (including signs). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-838-4360 for further information.



CASE BAR2012-0170



I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Permit to Demolish to demolish approximately 56 square feet on the west (rear) elevation at 509 South Lee Street to install a pair of French doors with sidelights that are not visible from a public way. The demolition includes two existing windows and a portion of the rear brick wall of the rear ell, all at the first story.

II. HISTORY:

509 South Lee Street is a two-and-one-half story, three-bay, side-gabled, brick townhouse constructed in **1811-12** by Captain John McNamara, according to Ethelyn Cox in *Historic Alexandria, Virginia, Street by Street*. The house appeared in its current configuration on the G. M. Hopkins *City Atlas of Alexandria* from 1877. By 1902, the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map showed a similar configuration with a one-story addition on the south of the rear ell, however it was removed by 1921, according to Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed alterations comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Permit to Demolish/Capsulate

In considering a Permit to Demolish/Capsulate, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B):

- (1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?
- (2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?
- (3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?
- (4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?
- (5) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?
- (6) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?

In the opinion of Staff, the criteria to demolish and capsulate are not met and the Permit to Demolish should be granted. The area proposed for demolition is minimal in scope, has already been altered over time, and is located on the least visible elevation. The area proposed for demolition has common bond brick that has been patched and repaired over time and therefore is not considered to be of such unusual or uncommon design that it could not be reproduced easily. The proposed demolition will not have a negative impact on the historic architectural character of the building and will not diminish its historic integrity.

STAFF:

Catherine Miliaras, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning
Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F- finding

Code Administration

- F-1 The review by Code Administration is a preliminary review only. Once the applicant has filed for a building permit, code requirements will be based upon the building permit plans. If there are any questions, the applicant may contact Ken Granata, Acting Plan Review Supervisor at ken.granata@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4193.
- C-1 A building permit is required for this project. Five sets of *construction documents* that fully detail the construction shall be provided. If a design professional prepares drawings for the project the plans must bear the seal of the design professional in accordance with the Code of Virginia Section 54.1-410B.
- C-2 Alteration to a building/structure shall comply with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 The applicant shall provide door/window manufacturer specification, size of openings for each door/window, additional framing needed for new openings as well as any additional or new lintel/header (size) needed for the new installation.
- C-4 Before a building permit can be issued on any proposed future alterations, a certification is required from the owner or owner's agent that the building has been inspected by a licensed asbestos inspector for the presence of asbestos.

Transportation & Environmental Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. The building permit must be approved and issued prior to the issuance of any permit for demolition. (T&ES)
- R2. Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)

CITY CODE REQUIREMENTS

- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). (T&ES)

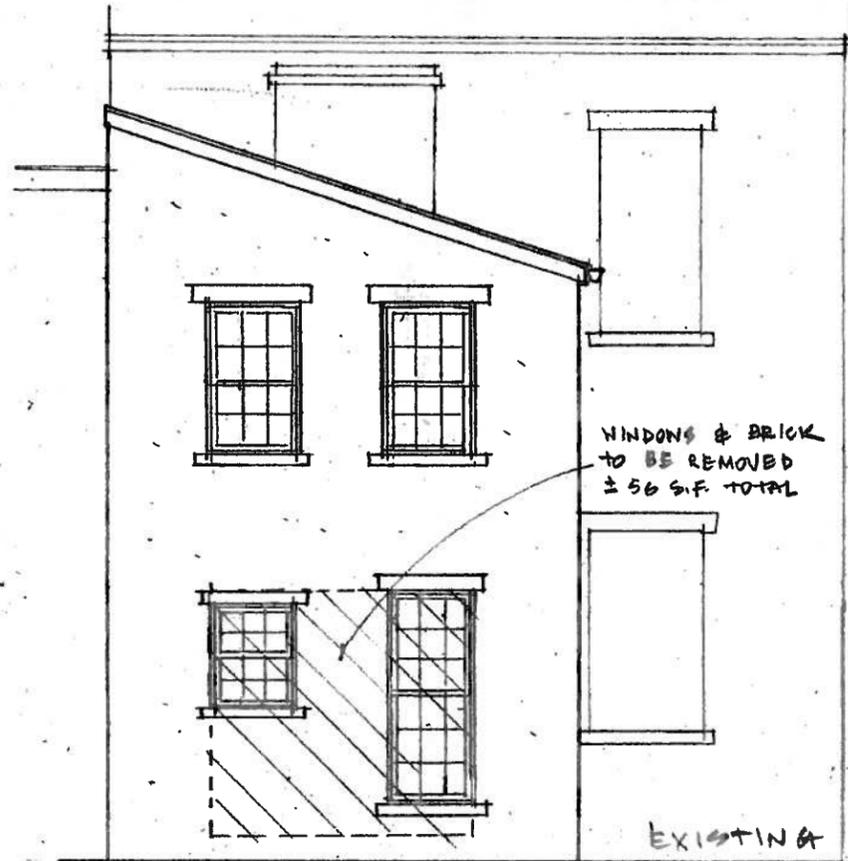
- C3. Any work within or performed from the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)

V. ATTACHMENTS

1 – Supporting Materials

2 – Application for BAR2012-00170 at 509 South Lee Street





PERFORMANCE DIVIDED LITES FOR WOOD WINDOWS & DOORS

Applies to Ultra, Horizon, Classic & Newport Series wood windows & doors
Applies to Colonial wood doors & French doors as noted

Performance Divided Lites couple energy efficiency with historic beauty. Although the appearance is similar to true divided lites, the PDL system uses single insulating glass units, which offer much better U & R values than true casite units. The illusion of division is created by adhering bars to both sides of an insulating glass unit and champagne-colored bars within the insulating glass unit. Airflow within the unit is not hindered, however, so the thermal break of a single insulating glass unit is maintained.



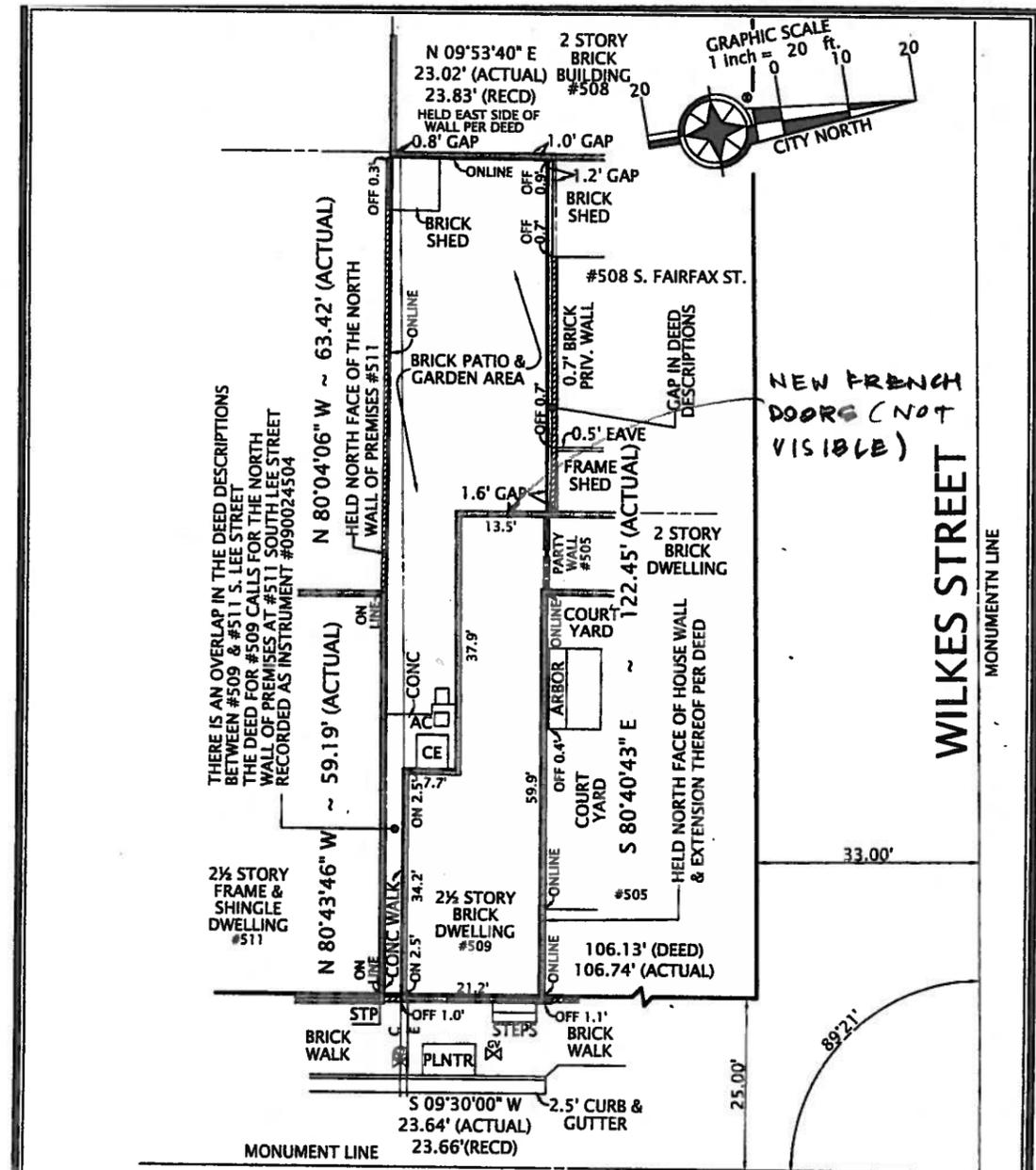
PDL for Kolbe wood products are available in a variety of bar widths, including 5/8", 1-1/8", 1-3/4" and 2-1/4". The exterior bars are extruded aluminum except for some radius patterns, which may be composite material to achieve the desired radius. Interior bars are pine as standard, with the option of oak.

Exterior bars are finished to match the exterior of the window or door unit. Several interior finishing options are available for wood PDL bars, including latex paint and wood stain colors. View our interior finish page for the latest options available. PDL bars are of standard profiles standard, but an oval profile is available on the interior bar. Custom bar widths and profiles may be requested as well.

*Viewport Sliding Patio doors and direct set windows are not available with PDL.

PDL with 1-3/4" and 2-1/4" bars have two bars within the glass unit to match the width of each PDL bar. The difference is not visible, however radius patterns are not possible.

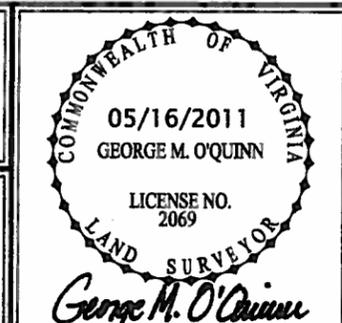
PDL bars made of composite materials cannot be finished on the interior.



SHOWING HOUSE LOCATION ON
THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
#509 SOUTH LEE STREET
(INSTRUMENT #100020140)
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
SCALE: 1" = 20' MAY 16, 2011

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE POSITIONS OF ALL THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY ESTABLISHED BY A CURRENT FIELD SURVEY AND UNLESS SHOWN THERE ARE NO VISIBLE ENCROACHMENTS AS OF THIS DATE:

THIS PLAT IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.
A TITLE REPORT WAS NOT FURNISHED.
NO CORNER MARKERS SET.



Ordered by:
Land, Clark, Carroll, Mendelson & Blair, P.C.
524 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
703-836-1000

DOMINION Surveyors Inc.
8808-H PEAR TREE VILLAGE COURT
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22309
703-619-6555
FAX: 703-799-6412

C² STUDIO CAMUS LLC
225 North Pitt Street Alexandria Virginia 22314
studiocamus@comcast.net
Lynnette 703 989 3777 Patrick 703 626 1984

ROBERTS RESIDENCE
509 South Lee Street Alexandria Virginia

DATE 21 MAY 12
SCALE 3/16" = 1'-0"
SHEET A1

BAR Case # 2012-00170

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 509 SOUTH VEE ST

TAX MAP AND PARCEL: 8101.01.30 ZONING: RM

APPLICATION FOR: *(Please check all that apply)*

- CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
- PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH
(Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/impacted)
- WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or YARD REQUIREMENTS IN A VISION CLEARANCE AREA *(Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)*
- WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT
(Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)

Applicant: Property Owner Business *(Please provide business name & contact person)*

Name: LYLE & CHRISTINE ROBERTS

Address: 509 SOUTH VEE ST

City: ALEXANDRIA State: VA Zip: 22314

Phone: 703 622 8704 E-mail: croberts799@mac.com

Authorized Agent *(if applicable)*: Attorney Architect designer

Name: PATRICK CAMUS

Phone: 703 626 1984

E-mail: studio@camus.comcast.net

Legal Property Owner:

Name: SAME

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Yes No Is there an historic preservation easement on this property?
- Yes No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the proposed alterations?
- Yes No Is there a homeowner's association for this property?
- Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association approved the proposed alterations?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: *Please check all that apply*

- NEW CONSTRUCTION
- EXTERIOR ALTERATION: *Please check all that apply.*
 - awning
 - doors
 - lighting
 - other _____
 - fence, gate or garden wall
 - windows
 - pergola/trellis
 - HVAC equipment
 - siding
 - painting unpainted masonry
 - shutters
 - shed
- ADDITION
- DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION
- SIGNAGE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: *Please describe the proposed work in detail (Additional pages may be attached).*

REQUEST APPROVAL PORTION OF REAR WALL
TO ALLOW FOR NEW FRENCH DOORS

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Items listed below comprise the **minimum supporting materials** for BAR applications. Staff may request additional information during application review. Please refer to the relevant section of the *Design Guidelines* for further information on appropriate treatments.

Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application is complete. Include all information and material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. Incomplete applications will delay the docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings are required for all proposed additions. All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submission of a completed application.

Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted whenever possible.

Demolition/Encapsulation : *All applicants requesting 25 square feet or more of demolition/encapsulation must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.*

- ^{N/A} Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation.
- Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation.
- Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished.
- Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.
- Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not considered feasible.

Additions & New Construction: Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 12 complete 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects fronting Washington Street. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- ^{N/A} Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted equipment.
- FAR & Open Space calculation form.
- Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
- Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.
- Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
- Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
- Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.

Signs & Awnings: One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless illuminated. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- ^{N/A} Linear feet of building: Front: _____ Secondary front (if corner lot): _____
- Square feet of existing signs to remain: _____
- Photograph of building showing existing conditions.
- Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text.
- Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk).
- Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable).
- Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.

Alterations: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- ^{N/A} Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations, all sides of the building and any pertinent details.
- Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- Drawings accurately representing the changes to the proposed structure, including materials and overall dimensions. Drawings must be to scale.
- An official survey plat showing the proposed locations of HVAC units, fences, and sheds.
- Historic elevations or photographs should accompany any request to return a structure to an earlier appearance.

ALL APPLICATIONS: *Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:*

- I have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)
- I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.
- I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and 12 sets of revised materials.

The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.

APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Signature: 

Printed Name: PATRICK CAMUS

Date: 21 May 12

OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. LYLE & CHRISTINE ROBERTS	509 S LEE	100%
2.		
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 509 S LEE (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. LYLE & CHRISTINE ROBERTS	509 S LEE	100%
2.		
3.		

3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity listed above (1 and 2), with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property is required to disclose any business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the 12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review.

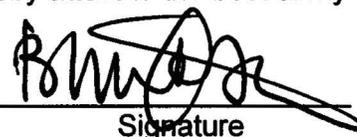
Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

21 Nov 12
Date

PATRICK CAMUS
Printed Name


Signature