Docket Item # 1 BAR CASE # 2010-0291

BAR Meeting October 27, 2010

ISSUE:Alterations (Shutters)APPLICANT:Matthew McGillLOCATION:528 North Columbus StreetZONE:RB Zone/Residential

<u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: 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 final approval 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 (<u>including signs</u>). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-746-4200 for further information.



I. <u>ISSUE</u>:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of shutters at 528 North Columbus Street. The raised panel cedar shutters will have a mortise-and-tenon construction and black metal hardware and will be installed on the three windows on the front facade. The operable shutters will be painted.

II. <u>HISTORY</u>:

528 North Columbus Street is an end unit, two-and-one-half story brick townhouse in a row of three built in **1979**, according to the City's real estate records. All three townhouses have a simplified Colonial Revival style.

Staff could locate no previous BAR approvals for the subject property.

III. <u>ANALYSIS</u>:

The proposed alterations comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements.

The proposed wood shutters comply with all of the recommendations in the *Design Guidelines* related to shutters. Historically, shutters were a means of regulating sunlight and providing extra protection during severe weather and are a common feature on Colonial and Colonia Revival buildings. Although Staff could not locate a BAR approval for the shutters at 524 North Columbus Street (the other end unit in this row), they appear to be an appropriate addition to this rather plain mid-20th century townhouse. Likewise, the shutters proposed by the applicant appear to be well constructed and of high quality and Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

STAFF:

Stephanie Sample, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

IV. <u>IMAGES</u>



Figure 1. Photo of 528 North Columbus Street.



Figure 2: Google Map image of 524, 526 and 528 North Columbus Street.



Figure 3. Shutter specifications.



Figure 4. Shutter hardware.