

Docket Item # 1
BAR CASE # 2011-0004

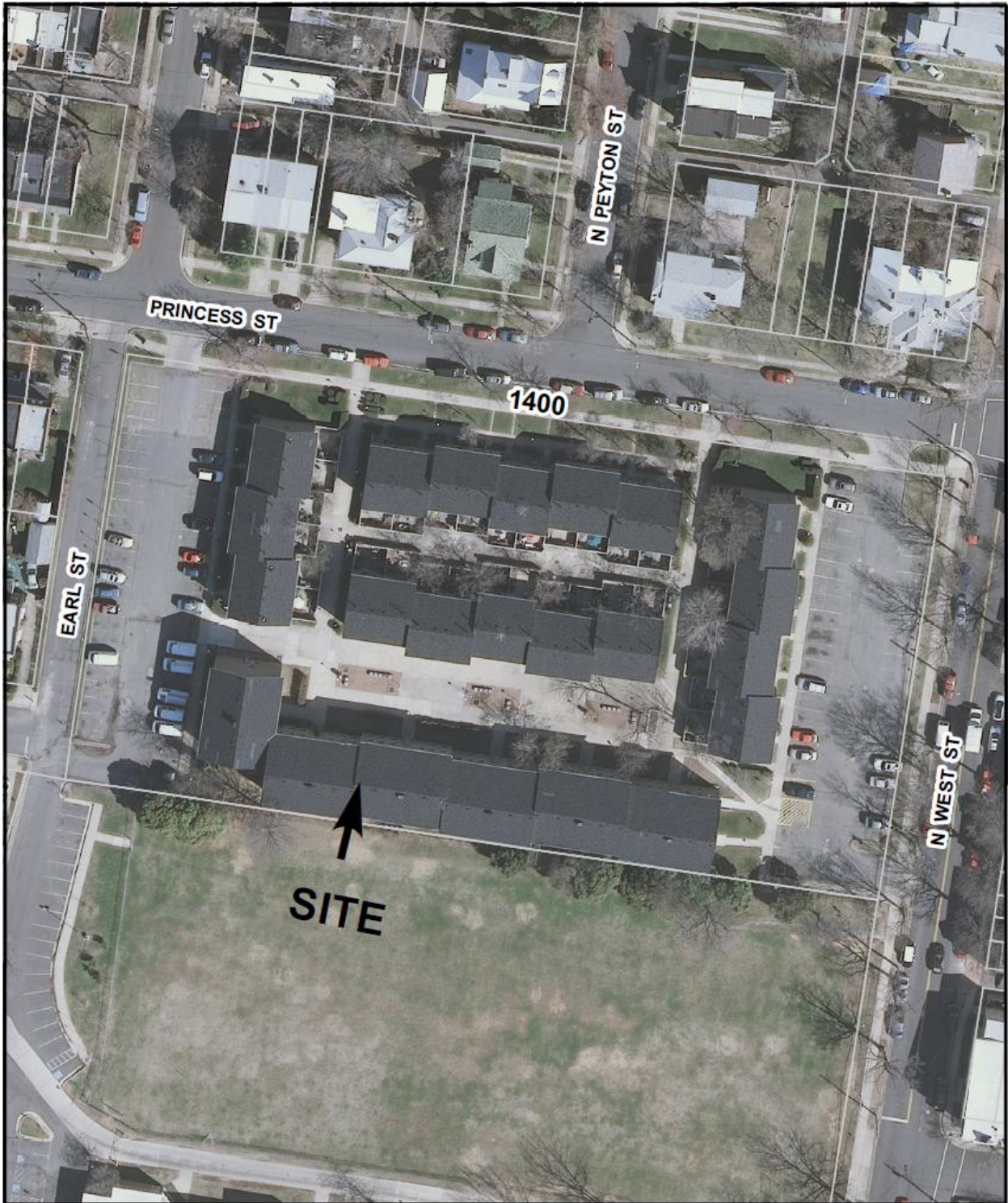
BAR Meeting
February 23, 2011

ISSUE: Alterations (Trash Enclosures)
APPLICANT: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA)
LOCATION: 1400 Princess Street (Jefferson Village)
ZONE: RB / Residential

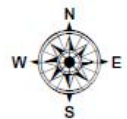
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the enclosures be painted or stained a color to complement the brick buildings at Jefferson Village, in consultation with Staff.

****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 (including siding or roofing over 100 square feet, windows and 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, 703-746-4200 for further information.



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I. ISSUE

The applicant is requesting after-the-fact approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for two trash enclosures at Jefferson Village at 1400 Princess Street. Jefferson Village is an ARHA property consisting of townhouses and an apartment building with street frontage on North West Street, Princess Street and Boyle Street. The enclosures were constructed of 6' high pressure treated wood fencing – both board-on-board and flush boards – to screen the two trash dumpsters. One enclosure is located on the North West Street side of the property and the other is located on the west side of the property, facing Boyle Street.

II. HISTORY

The Jefferson Village complex was built in 1965 as public housing by the Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority. It stands on property once occupied by the Jefferson School. Designed by local architect, Victor Smolen, the complex contains 34 townhouse units and one 35-unit apartment building. The complex was designed in a spare modern style with predominantly rectilinear forms. The single exception to this vocabulary is the simple barrel-arched door openings on the townhouse units. The Board approved replacement of windows and doors, as well as new light fixtures at Jefferson Village on February 23, 2000 (BAR Case #2000-0014).

The National Register Uptown/Parker-Gray Historic District nomination identifies this property as a non-contributing resource.

III. ANALYSIS

The proposed alterations comply with the Zoning Ordinance.

The trash enclosures constructed at Jefferson Village are minimal in scope and consistent with the *Design Guidelines*. While the Board prefers to see applications before work is completed, ARHA installed the enclosures prior to obtaining BAR approval in order to address the concerns of some neighbors regarding the unsightly dumpsters. In keeping with the recommendations contained in the *Design Guidelines*, fences (enclosures in this case), should be painted or stained. The applicant provided a brochure of solid color stains, and Staff will work with the applicant to select a color which is compatible with the buildings within the development, most likely either Sherman Williams Desert Wood or Pepperidge (the color samples will be available at the public hearing).

STAFF

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

IV. IMAGES

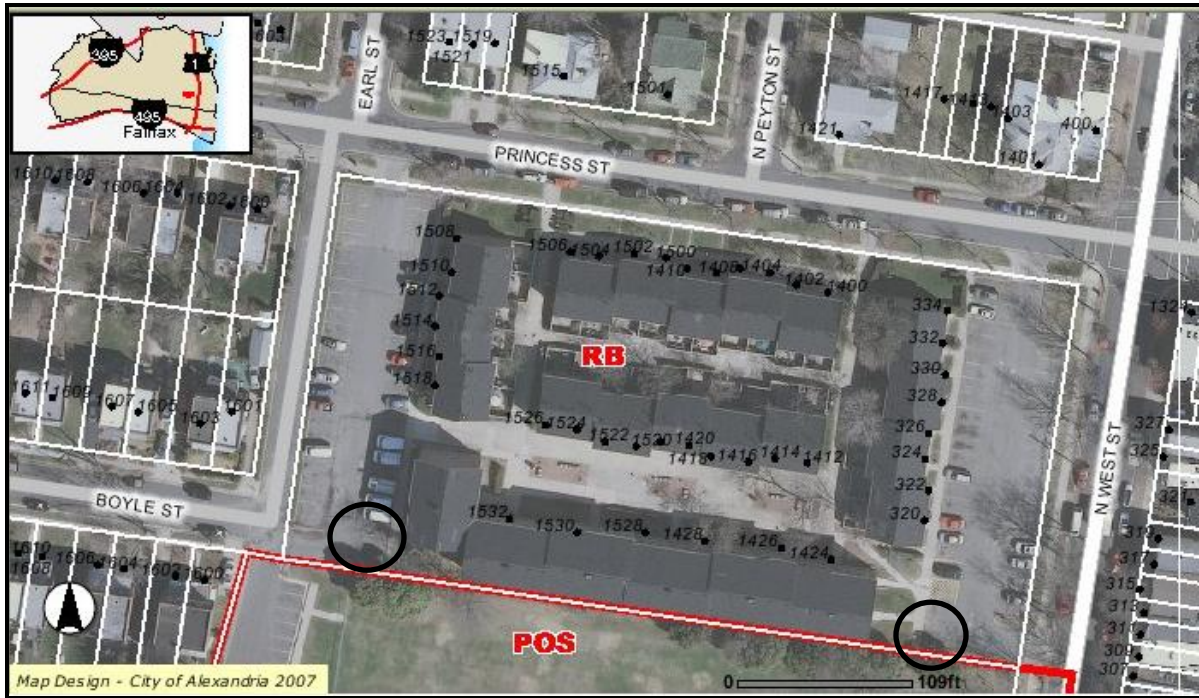


Figure 1: 1400 Princess Street (Jefferson Village)



Figure 2: Photo of east side (North West Street) dumpster with enclosure.



Figure 3: Photo of west side (Boyle Street) dumpster with enclosure.

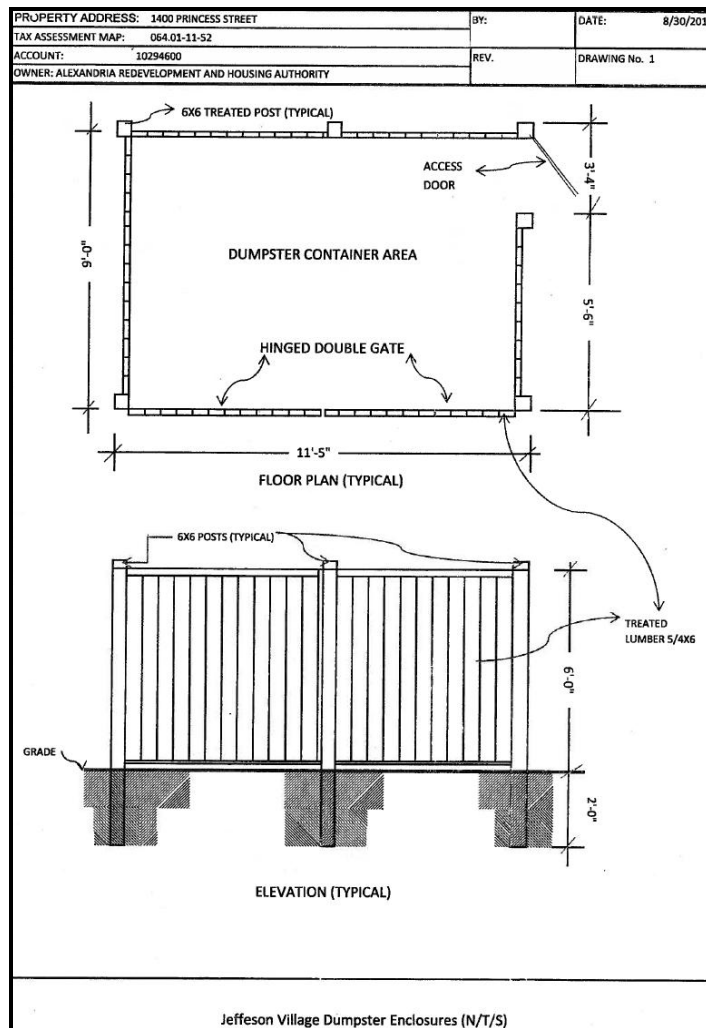


Figure 4: Enclosure detail.