EXHIBIT NO.

31832

Docket Item # BAR CASE #2002-0113 & 0114

City Council September 14, 2002

**ISSUE:** 

Appeal of a decision of the Board of Architectural Review, Old and Historic

Alexandria District approving a Permit to Demolish a brick wall and a

Certificate of Appropriateness for a wood fence

APPLICANT:

Jerry L. Chambers

**APPELLANT:** 

Susan B. and Bernard K. Kellom on behalf of petitioners

**LOCATION:** 

721 South Fairfax Street

**ZONE:** 

RM/Residential

This appeal asks whether the B.A.R. should have approved the demolition of a low brick wall and its replacement with a new six foot high wood fence at 721 South Fairfax Street.

## Background:

The applicant, Mr. Chambers, requested approval of a wood fence to replace an existing and deteriorating brick wall running along the north side of his property. The case was initially heard by the Board at the June 5, 2002, public hearing. The immediately adjacent neighbor, Ms. Kellom, opposed the application and the Board deferred it to allow the neighbors additional time to try to resolve the issue. One outstanding issue at the time was Ms. Kellom's assertion that the proposed fence was actually on her property, not Mr. Chambers'. The City Attorney determined that Mr. Chambers has shown sufficient evidence of ownership for the issue of the demolition and design of the fence to be heard.

When the Board heard the application at its next public hearing, on June 19, 2002, it approved both the demolition and the new wood fence. The vote on the motion was 3-2. The Board approved the application because it believed that the brick wall did not have historic or architectural value and because the proposed wood fence matched the fencing at the rear of the property which had been approved by the Board in 1998 when Mr. Chambers' house was constructed.

The brick wall that is proposed to be demolished is approximately three feet in height and was constructed in the mid-twentieth century. The proposed fence is a six foot tall board-on-board fence approximately 30' long at the north property line and parallel to the north wall of the residence.

The Board's approval of the application was appealed to Council by Susan B. and Bernard K. Kellom on behalf of petitioners. The appeal was filed in a timely manner.

## B.A.R. Staff Position Before the Board:

B.A.R. Staff supported the proposed demolition because the brick wall was deteriorating and had no historic or architectural importance. Staff also supported the new wood fence because it matched the design of the wood fencing at the rear of the property which had been approved by the Board at the time the design of the house was approved in 1998 and because the fencing was similar to that approved by the Board in other recent cases. (See B.A.R. Staff report, Attachment 1)

# City Council Action Alternatives:

Council may uphold or overturn the decision of the B.A.R., using the criteria for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in §10-105(A)(2) Zoning Ordinance (Attachment 2). City Council may also remand the project to the Board with instructions to consider alternatives.

# Attachments:

Attachment 1: B.A.R. Staff Report, June 19,2002

Attachment 2: §10-105(A)(2): Criteria to be considered for a Certificate of Appropriateness

Attachment 3: Photographs of existing conditions and existing fencing that is proposed to be

duplicated at 721 South Fairfax Street

STAFF: Eileen Fogarty, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning; Peter H. Smith,

Principal Staff, Boards of Architectural Review.

# BAR CASE #2002-0113 & 0114

REPORT ATTACHMENTS

## BAR CASE #2002-0113 & 0114

#### ATTACHMENT 1

BAR STAFF REPORT, JUNE 19, 2002

Docket Item #'s20 & 21 BAR CASE #2002-0113 & 2002-0114

BAR Meeting June 19, 2002

**ISSUE:** Demolition of a brick wall and fence extension

**APPLICANT:** Jerry L. Chambers

**LOCATION:** 721 South Fairfax Street

**ZONE:** RM/Residential

**BOARD ACTION, JUNE 19, 2002**: The Board combined the discussion of docket item #'s 20 and 21. On a motion by Mr. Keleher, seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald, the Board voted to approve the Staff recommendation which was: approval of the application as submitted. The roll call vote on the motion was 3-2 (Ms. Neihardt and Mr. Smeallie were opposed).

**REASON**: The Board agreed with the Staff recommendation and did not believe that approving a fence design that was not requested by the applicant was appropriate.

SPEAKERS: Bernard Fagelson, attorney, representing Bernard and Susan Kellom, 719 South Fairfax Street, spoke in opposition

Susan Kellom, 719 South Fairfax Street, spoke in opposition

Jerry L. Chambers, homeowner, spoke in support Susan Chambers, homeowner, spoke in support

**BOARD ACTION, JUNE 5, 2002**: The Board combined the discussion of docket item #'s 28 and 29. On a motion by Mr. Smeallie, seconded by Ms. Quill, the Board voted to defer this application. The vote on the motion was 4-0.

**REASON**: The Board believed that more time was needed to see if the neighbors could reach a settlement regarding the new fence.

SPEAKERS: Bernard Fagelson, attorney, representing Bernard and Susan Kellom, 719 South Fairfax Street, spoke in opposition
Susan Kellom, 719 South Fairfax Street, spoke in opposition
Jerry L. Chambers, homeowner, spoke in support

There have been no changes in the application and Staff here repeats the Staff report from the public hearing of June 5, 2002.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

# **DISCUSSION**:

# Applicant's Description of the Undertaking:

"Demolish brick wall on property and extend six foot wood stockade fence to front of lot..."

#### Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a permit to demolish a brick wall and a certificate of appropriateness for a fence extension. The existing 3' brick wall proposed to be demolished is to the north of the residence. The applicants propose to demolish this wall to enable an extension of an existing 6' board-on-board fence along the north property line. The applicants propose to extend the existing fence approximately 30' along the property line and parallel to the north wall of the residence.

## History and Analysis:

721 South Fairfax Street is a detached frame Colonial Revival dwelling constructed in 1998. The building is two stories in height, is 23' in width, and 60'6" in length. The subject brick wall predates the dwelling and was constructed in the mid-twentieth century.

#### Demolition

In considering a Permit to Demolish and/or Capsulate, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 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 none of the criteria are met and the Permit to Demolish should be granted.

#### Fence

Section 7-202(B)(3) of the zoning ordinance permits open and closed fences which do not exceed 6.00 feet in height in any required side and rear yard.

Section 7-202(C) of the zoning ordinance permits the Board of Architectural Review to waive or modify a fence if the proposed fence is architecturally appropriate and consistent with the district.

Proposed fence will comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

The Board approved a similar fence extension in this block at 707 South Fairfax Street. In this case Staff supported the proposal to extend a 6' board-on-board fence along the front property line (BAR98-0176, 12/2/98). The proposed fence would replace a structurally damaged existing brick wall. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

# **CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

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

# Code Enforcement:

C-1 A demolition permit is required for the removal of the wall. A rodent abatement plan shall be submitted with the demolition permit application.

# Historic Alexandria:

No comment.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

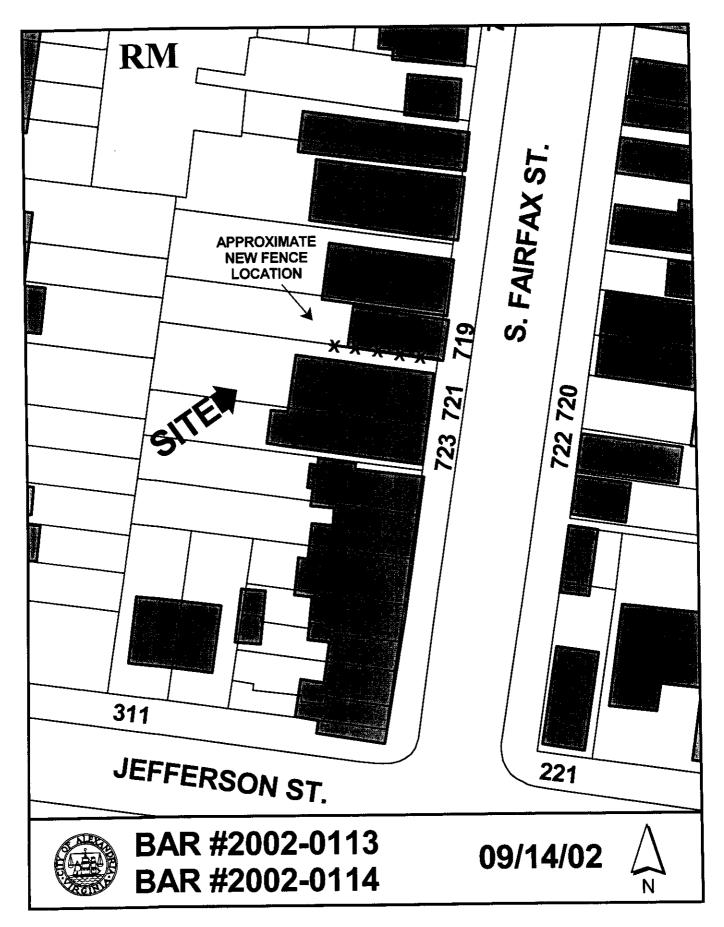
# 10-105 Matters to be considered in approving certificates and permits.

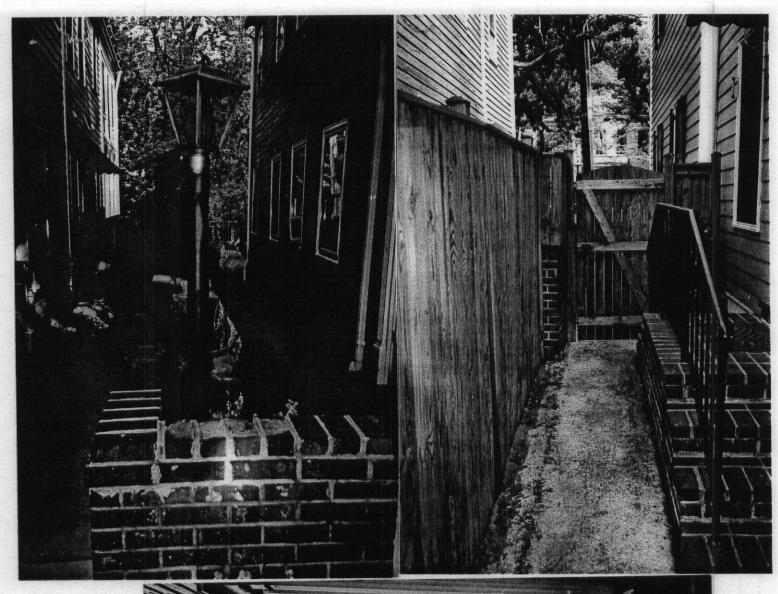
# (A) Certificate of appropriateness

- (2) Standards. Subject to the provisions of section 10-105(A)(1) above, the Old and Historic Alexandria district board of architectural review or the city council on appeal shall consider the following features and factors in passing upon the appropriateness of the proposed construction, reconstruction, alteration or restoration of buildings or structures:
  - (a) Overall architectural design, form, style and structure including, but not limited to, the height, mass and scale of buildings and structures;
  - (b) Architectural details including, but not limited to, original materials and methods of construction, the pattern, design and style of fenestration, ornamentation, lighting, signage and like decorative or functional fixtures of buildings or structures; the degree to which the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure or site (including historic materials) are retained;
  - (c) Design and arrangement of buildings and structures on the site; and the impact upon the historic setting, streetscape or environs;
  - (d) Texture, material and color, and the extent to which any new architectural features are historically appropriate to the existing structure and adjacent existing structures;
  - (e) The relation of the features in sections 10-105(A)(2)(a) through (d) to similar features of the preexisting building or structure, if any, and to buildings and structures in the immediate surroundings;
  - (f) The extent to which the building or structure would be harmonious with or incongruous to the old and historic aspect of the George Washington Memorial Parkway;
  - (g) The extent to which the building or structure will preserve or protect historic places and areas of historic interest in the city;
  - (h) The extent to which the building or structure will preserve the

memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway;

- (i) The extent to which the building or structure will promote the general welfare of the city and all citizens by the preservation and protection of historic interest in the city and the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway; and
- (j) The extent to which such preservation and protection will 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.





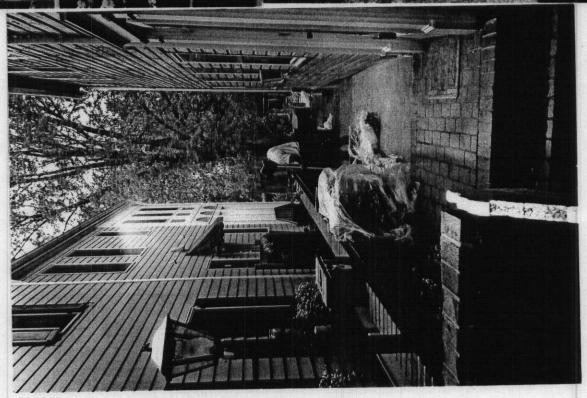


EXHIBIT NO. 2

# Bernard K. Kellom, Jr. Susan B. Kellom 719 South Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703.548.9273

31832

24 June 2002

Ms. Beverly Jett Alexandria City Clerk City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Subject: Appeal to Old and Historic District BAR cases 2002-0113 and 2002-0114

Dear Ms. Jett:

Attached please find our appeal to the above BAR cases, which were decided on 19 June 2002.

These cases would permit the destruction of a brick wall that is an integral part of our home, 719 South Fairfax Street. We continue to assert that we have possession of the wall by adverse possession and/or prescriptive right.

The wall is U-shaped and encloses our side courtyard and stoop. It is an integral part of a home that was built c. 1848. The wall most definitely contributes to preserving and protecting the historic value of our home. It also contributes to the historic ambience of the streetscape of the 700 block of South Fairfax Street.

The owners of 721 South Fairfax Street have only been granted permission to demolish the portion of the wall that runs from east to west. No provision has been made for the protection of the two ends of the U that run from north to south, or for protection of our stoop and patio.

A Certificate of Appropriateness and a permit to demolish the brick wall have already been issued. We would appreciate any guidance that you can give us on expediting notification of our appeal to the owners of 721 South Fairfax Street. If demolition of the wall were to start, we would suffer irreparable damage.

Thank you very much,

Susan D Kellom

Susan B Kellom

Bernard K. Kellom, Jr.

SAK Killeng

Email: BenjyKellom@aol.com or SusanBKellom@aol.com

FAX: 703.535.8525

Sent to CC, CM, Fogerty, P. Smith CA, Michele



# RECORD OF APPEAL

# FROM A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Date Appeal Filed With City Clerk: 6/24/02	RECEIVED CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
Date Appear Filed with City Clark	
B.A.R. Case # 2002 - 0113 + 2002 - 0114	JUN 2 4 2002
Address of Project: 721 South Fallfax Street	
Appellant is: (Check One)	FOR EAST (SEE SEE SEE SEE
B.A.R. Applicant	
Ah. Jal. Pana	indy Owner who
Other Party. State Relationship Abuddla Prop	a ship of BRICK Wall
Addres of Appellant: 719 South Fairfax Street	
Blengadela, UB 22319	
Telephone Number: 703 - 548 - 9273	
State Basis of Appeal:	
The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ov	vnership of the brick wall, which would

- be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 2) The fence, which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence), would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

A Board of Architectural Review decision may be appealed to City Council either by the B.A.R. applicant or by 25 or more owners of real estate within the effected district who oppose the decision of the Board of Architectural Review. Sample petition on rear.

All appeals must be filed with the City Clerk on or before 14 days after the decision of the B.A.R.

All appeals require a \$50 filing fee.

If an appeal is filed, the decision of the Board of Architectural Review is stayed pending the City Council decision on the matter. The decision of City Council is final subject to the provisions of Sections 10-107, 10-207 or 10-309 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Signature of the Appellant

B 1K. Kellouf



- The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 4) The fence, which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence), would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

The owners of 719 South Fairfax Street have offered to the owners of 721 South Fairfax Street that they would pay for installation of a white picket fence on top of the wall and for the maintenance of both the wall and the fence.

NAME	SIGNATURE	OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY AT:
1. Mary	1. Harbler	1250 S. Washing In St. #203
in aky	P. Hactzler)	

We, the undersigned owners of real estate within the Old and Historic Alexandria District, appeal the decisions of the Board of Architectural Review to the Alexandria City Council in B.A.R. cases 2002-0113 and 2002-0114, regarding the property at 721 South Fairfax Street for the following reasons:

- 3) The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 4) The fence, which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence), would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

NAME	SIGNATURE	1/ 1/ OWN	NER OF REAL	PROPERTY AT:
1. Carolya A Mill	er Carroun	1) Mille	122	Giblan St. Alex VI
2.				2231

- The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 4) The fence, which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence), would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

The owners of 719 South Fairfax Street have offered to the owners of 721 South Fairfax Street that they would pay for installation of a white picket fence on top of the wall and for the maintenance of both the wall and the fence.

NAME	SIGNATURE	OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY AT:
1. AATA	unwe HOFFMAN	Huffer 732 5 Lee 22314
2. Joel E	Hoffman Jola IMA	Trustee 7303 Lee 5 to My 323111

We, the undersigned owners of real estate within the Old and Historic Alexandria District, appeal the decisions of the Board of Architectural Review to the Alexandria City Council in B.A.R. cases 2002-0113 and 2002-0114, regarding the property at 721 South Fairfax Street for the following reasons:

- 1) The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 2) The fence, which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence), would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

NAME	SIGI	NATURE	C - OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY AT:	
1	William &	Long	413 S. 11,55 St	22314
2.	CWI	Iliam E. Lang)		·

- 1) The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 2) The fence which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence) would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

NAME	SIGNATURE	OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY	'AT:
24. Jusen B Kullom	Susan & Kellin	719 S. Falkfan St	22314
25. HENRY S. BROOK	5 1/200	122 GLBBON ST.	22314
26. Jo Arno ha	ng to None hom	9 413 CD PXT St	. /
27. Dorothy Ga	Ali portan Sa	Sin 409 Starla	( 223 <sub>1</sub>
28. LOIS WALLE	En Aritual	M 417 SOUTH ROFA	L ST 22314
29. Margarette	e a Cooper	415 Se. Au	jalot "
30. MALIANNE OB	RIEN Marine (SE	200 702 S. ROYA	L ST. 22314
31. Mary Clar	ity Hay Cla	it 130 5, Roy	2 56 22314
32. Chuck Da	vis Mc Jaco	710 S. Roy	of St. 723/4
33. Br. W Chilt	on 10 Chill	716 S. Royal )	7. 2231t
34. LORENE CHI	cton Joyenes his	Am 716 S Royal	St. 22314
35. Mary O'Brie	en Strap O'Bn	ren 724 S. Royal	St 223/4
36. Nelson E. Gree	cie Melne They	8/2,814,816,808,	
37. Sallie Millia	oft Sallie, M. Craf	1 1250 Silvashingtons	A 22314 FAUNT
38. Hansh 11/2	yetich Hank Me	ngelich 800 So. St. As	agh & \$311 22
39. Poter LD		De- 2231405	
40. Clarence Ir.	Cooper Clovence &	Gooper-415 S. Royal	51.
41. KAREN LEID		Ur 16 Alexander	<b></b> .
42. Ronald K. K	Rigby RONALD K.R	IGBY 330 N. P. 1	+ St. 22364
43. HAZEL R. R	igby Hazel R	Righy 330 N. Pet	1 St 22314
44. JACK HENES	Saff Man	404 PRINCES	57 22314
45. Eilen Wata	niers Allen (Mo	tarns 2M S. alyfu	d St 20314

- 1) The owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under B.A.R. case 2002-0113.
- 2) The fence, which would replace the brick wall in B.A.R. case 2002-0114 (described in the application as "Stockade", but approved by the B.A.R. as a "board on board" fence), would detract from the ambience of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax Street was built c. 1848.

NAME	SIGNATURE	OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY AT:
1. BARK	M FORD & M	400 Gibbon Street Aby VAZZ31
2. BER	HARDK KELIOM JR & AK	Kelland. 719 S. Fairfax St. alexandre Vari
3. <u>Qu</u>	ind R Capula Exist	EM AVOIR THATHER PLANS OF ALDINA
4. Ch	ristin Niedemires Cho	Just _ 400 South Pitt St. Slay Uttaa
5. DO	EIS K. MALA Doni K.	huly 501 SLATERS LANE *722 GLEX VAZ
6. <u>Do</u>	nald F. Mela Dundd F	Mela 501 Slaters Lane 722 Alex, Vaz
7. <u>E/12</u>	capeth Roderick Edy	Roderus 716 S. Fair Jax St. Alex VA2=
8. Robe	W. SELVEWALD Reput	Wennered 426 So. Pat St. alef, VA 2231
9. NAV	CY V. SEVNEWARD Kane	Changereld 46 So. Pit St. Oley, VA 2221
10.	tephen gustamans	Dungerel 476 So. Pat St. Oler, VA 2221 Left 217 5. Albred St. Mov. VA
11. 🔾	SAN HORNE QUATANNENS	Shear frugtravannew Ad Wolfe Stales
12	,	
13		
14		
15		
16	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
19	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
20		
21		
22		
23		



EXHIBIT NO. 3

31832 9-14-02

BUILDERS

MITCHELL,
HORN &

ASSOCIATES

June 14, 2002

Mr. Jerry Chambers 721 S. Fairfax Street Alexandria, Va. 22314

REMODELERS

Re: Brick Landscape Wall Repairs

Dear Mr. Chambers;

As requested, we have looked at the condition of the brick landscape wall on the North side of your property. The wall is significantly compromised and should be removed and replaced rather than repaired. During excavation for your house, we determined that the wall does not have a proper foundation, and what little is there has been cracked by encroaching tree roots. There appears to be no horizontal reinforcing in either the above grade or below grade portions of the wall, which is the apparent cause of the numerous cracks. It is our experience that repointing cracks in a non reinforced, free standing wall is a temporary solution at best. If it is your intention to keep a brick wall in the same general location, we suggest that you retain an engineer familiar with the Marine Clay soils typical of Alexandria to design a footing and wall that can safely be made free standing. We will be happy to recommend an experienced firm that could prepare such a design.

Please feel free to call the undersigned if you have any questions.

Minshell, Horn & Associates, Inc.

Edward F. Horn

President

325 N. HENRY ST A LE X A N D R I A VIRGINIA 22314 703.836.8251 TEL 703.836.8095 FAX

# FACSIMILE

Date: 9-13-02	
lumber of pages (including cover): 2	
10: BEVERLY JETT	From: Jerry Chambers
elaphone: 703 - 838 - 4550	Department Washington Government Relations
a 7-03 938 6433	Telephone: 202/659-8320
<u> </u>	Fax: 202/659-2676
Urgent For your review	☐ Please reply asap ☐ Please comment
Remarks:	

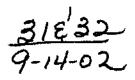
· \_\_\_\_

Dear MS JETT:

Topy of letter from Ed Horn re Boickwall. CBAR Cases on- 0113 + 0114) Jerry Chambers

#### CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE:

The documents accompanying this Fax transmission contain information from the Government Relations Office which is confidential and/or legally privileged. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named on this transmission sheet. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this faxed information is strictly prohibited, and that the documents should be returned to this office immediately. In this regard, if you have received this Fax in error, please notify us immediately by telephone so we can arrange for the return of the original documents to us at no cost to you.





CHAMBEJ@wyeth.com

09/11/02 10:42 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex

Subject: To: Members of City of Alexandria City Council

Dear Ms Jett:

please enter attached letter for the record for this Saturday's, September 14, 2002, City Council public hearing. can you distribute to Mayor and members of City Council, or do I need to make copies and deliver?

Sincerely,

Jerry Chambers

To: Members of City of Alexandria City Council
Ms Beverly I. Jett, City Clerk and Clerk of Council

From: Jerry L. and Carol S. Chambers

721 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Subject: September 14, 2002 Public Hearing

Re: Board of Architectural Review Appeals, Case BAR 02-0113, Case 02-0114

September 10, 2002

On 6/24/2002 Susan Kellom and Bernard Kellom filed an appeal with Alexandria City Council which objected to decisions of BAR on above referenced cases.

In the Kelloms' Record of Appeal, they claimed:

1) "the owners of the property at 719 South Fairfax Street have a claim to ownership of the brick wall, which would be demolished under BAR case 2002-0113". For the record, my wife and I purchased this property in 1999 from Ed Horn of Mitchell-Horn and we have surveys, legally recognized by the City of Alexandria, and a deed, which clearly show and state the that the referenced brick wall is part of the property purchased by us. During the BAR hearings, the City Attorney also confirmed that referenced brick wall is on the property known as 721 S. Fairfax St. Furthermore, when I challenged the Kelloms' for encroaching onto our property, I had called the Alexandria Police and the officer responding to the call pointed out to the Kelloms' the property boundary marker placed by RC Fields Surveying Company. The day after the officer brought the property boundary marker to the Kelloms' attention, the Kelloms removed the surveying marker....which is a violation of City Code. If the Kelloms have a claim to the brick wall located on our property, it is encroaching and they should remove it at once (this was also communicated to the Kelloms two years ago by my attorney). If the Kelloms wish to reconstruct a brick wall on their side of the property line, my wife and I have no objection to them doing so.

The property we purchased in 1999, known as 721 South Fairfax Street, is 30 feet wide and the above referenced brick wall sits within our 30 foot wide lot. We respectfully request that the City Clerk check the City tax records, which will show that my wife and I pay Alexandria real estate taxes on a city property that is 30 feet wide. Furthermore, we also request that the City Clerk check City of Alexandria tax records for the Kelloms' property, known as 719 South Fairfax Street. This search should show that the Kelloms' property is 20.5 feet wide, which is the size of the lot which the Kelloms' tax assessment is based. The Kelloms' Record of Appeal states that they have a claim to ownership of the brick wall. If this is the case, their lot would be 22 feet wide and our lot at 721 South Fairfax would be 28.5 feet wide. Does the City of Alexandria base the real estate tax assessment of 719 South Fairfax Street on a 22 foot wide lot? The last time I checked City records, the assessment of real estate taxes on 719 S. Fairfax Street is based on a 20.5 foot lot. My attorney has repeatedly requested from the Kelloms a copy of the survey of their property which shows the exact dimensions of their property. The Kelloms have refused to share a copy of their survey with my attorney. Since the Kelloms removed and destroyed the survey boundary marker placed as a nail in a brick at the northeast corner of our property by RC Fields Surveying Company, they now claim the brick wall as the property line, which conveniently increases the size of their lot (and deminishes the lot size of 721 S. Fairfax). Should the Kelloms wish to order a new survey by RC Fields Surveying Company of Alexandria and have the surveying company replace the property boundary marker for the property line dividing our properties, this should once again reestablish the correct and legally recognized property line between 719 and 721 South Fairfax Street.

"the fence, which would replace the brick wall in BAR case 2002-0114 (described in the application as 'Stockade', but approved by the BAR as a 'board on board' fence), would detract from the ambiance of our streetscape and would detract from the appearance of an historic house. 719 South Fairfax was built c. 1848." It was understood by the members of the BAR that the wooden fence would be an extension of the existing fence on our property, which was approved by the BAR when our house was build in 1999. Furthermore, there are many wooden fences in Old Town which are attached to, or are adjacent to, historic homes. You should be aware that the 700 block of South Fairfax is unique in that almost every home is wooden clapboard and wooden fences of this type are not only typical, but unify the architecture. The existing brick wall is poorly designed, is deteriorating, built of rubble, and according to Ed Horn the builder of our property, unstable and a waste of money to repair. More importantly, however, the BAR Staff agrees this wall has no historic value since it was built in the mid-20th century and City/BAR provides for the removal of such non-historic structures. The Kelloms maintain that removal of brick wall would detract from the ambiance of our streetscape. If this is a legitimate concern of the Kelloms, please ask them why they removed/demolished the brick planters located in the front of their house. As part of this same home remodeling project the Kelloms removed the existing siding of their home and exposed the original front doorway to their "historic" home. Rather than incorporate the original doorway into their construction project, the Kelloms instead chose to ignore the original entry doorway and jackhammer out the original sidewalk and stoop leading to the original doorway entry of their home. This action of destroying the original doorway, front stoop and sidewalk hardly constitutes a respect for the ambiance of the original streetscape. The destruction of the original stoop and front sidewalk should have been reviewed by the BAR and a demolition permit obtained from the City to do the work. clearly a double standard exists: no BAR hearing nor permit was required of the Kelloms, but my wife and I needed to go to the BAR and obtain a permit to demolish a non-historic wall. From their actions of ignoring the original doorway entry to their home, destruction of brick planters, destruction of original stoop and sidewalk to their historic home, it appears the Kelloms are of the school of "do as I say, and not as I do".

Finally, I believe any decision by the Alexandria City Council which would either reverse or negate the opinion of the Board of Architecture Review would constitute a violation of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the "Takings Clause" of the Bill of Rights. Any action by the City Council which would take property from my wife and I and transfer that property, or the enjoyment of our property, to another property owner would not only be Constitutionally wrong, but would be totally contrary to the intent of our Founding Fathers. I sincerely believe that such a seizure of personal property would not only be a violation of our Constitutional rights as property owners, but would be a slap in the face to our Founding Fathers who are so closely linked to our Historic City of Alexandria.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Sue Chambers 721 S. Fairfax Street

Cc: Peter Smith, Board of Architectural Review Staff

Eileen Fogarty, Planning and Zoning Director



# CHAMBEJ@wyeth.com

09/13/02 05:03 PM

To: Beverly i Jett@Alex

Subject: Docket Items #31 and #32 for September 14 Council Hearing

## Dear Ms Jett:

under separate cover i will fax to you letter from Mr Edward Horn, President of Mitchell Horn & Associates concerning condition of my brick landscape wall which BAR approved(Cases #2002-0113 and 2002-0114) per my application to demolish on June 19, 2002. you will note that Mr. Horn states that the wall is significantly compromised and should be removed rather than repaired. Mr. Horn further states that during the excavation for my house, he determined that the wall does not have the proper foundation, and what little there is has been cracked by encroaching tree roots.

please copy members of City Council on this note and also provide them with a copy of Mr. Horn's letter to me dated June 14, 2002.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chambers 721 South Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA EXHIBIT NO. 4

Bernard K. Kellom, Jr. Susan B. Kellom 719 South Fairfax Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314 703,548,9273 31 \$32

13 September 2002

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

SUBJECT: Appeal of Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Cases 2002-0113 and 2002-0114

The above cases are a request by Jerry L. and Carol Sue Chambers to demolish the brick wall between our home, 719 South Fairfax Street, and their property at 721 South Fairfax Street, and to replace it with a fence. Their BAR application states that the fence would be a stockade fence, but in discussion before the BAR it was referred to as a board-on-board fence.

The Chambers have no standing to make this request. The brick wall is on a strip of land that has been claimed by every previous owner of our property since 1968. The wall itself first appears on the recorded plat for our property in 1975. Attached is a copy of the lawsuit that we have filed to establish our clear title to this property. We believe that we will prevail in this suit because Section 8.01-236 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, only requires that we adversely possess the strip of land for 15 years to establish title. Our predecessors and we have claimed this strip of land for 34 years.

As to the esthetics of the proposed fence, we would oppose it even if it were to be constructed on the Chambers property. Such a fence would be an unattractive intrusion on the streetscape of our block. We understand the Chambers desire for more privacy in their side yard. As an alternative to the proposed fence, whether it be stockade or board-on-board, we propose to construct, at our expense, a picket fence on top of the brick wall. This design is quite common in our neighborhood and in Old Town in general.

We request that you defer the above BAR cases until our lawsuit is settled.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan B Hellem

Bernard K. Kellom, Jr.

Susan B. Kellom

Email: BenjyKellom@aol.com or SusanBKellom@aol.com

FAX: 703.535.8525

# VIRGINIA:

BERNARD K. KELLOM, Jr. )  and )  SUSAN B. KELLOM )  Plaintiffs, )  VS. )  CHANCERY NO	IN THE CIRCUIT COU	RT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA S	CLE
SUSAN B. KELLOM  Plaintiffs,  VS.  CHANCERY NO. CHORING  PRRY L. CHAMBERS  and  CAROL SUE CHAMBERS  CAROL SUE CHAMBERS	BERNARD K. KELLOM, Jr.		
Plaintiffs,  VS.  CHANCERY NO. CHO2/434  JERRY L. CHAMBERS  and  CAROL SUE CHAMBERS  CHANCERY NO. CHO2/434  CAROL SUE CHAMBERS	and		COURT
VS.  CHANCERY NO. CHORING  CHO	SUSAN B. KELLOM	) Fig. 1	
JERRY L. CHAMBERS ) and ) CAROL SUE CHAMBERS )	Plaintiffs,	)	
and ) CAROL SUE CHAMBERS )	VS.	) CHANCERY NO. <u>C H 02 143 f</u>	
CAROL SUE CHAMBERS )	JERRY L. CHAMBERS	) )	
	and	)	
Defendants )	CAROL SUE CHAMBERS	) )	
·	Defendants	)	

# **BILL OF COMPLAINT**

TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDDRIA:

Your Plaintiffs, Bernard K. Kellom, Jr. and Susan B. Kellom, file this Bill of Complaint and respectfully represent unto the Court as follows:

- Plaintiffs are husband and wife, and are residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, residing at 719 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314.
- Defendants are husband and wife, and are residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, residing at 721 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314.

- 3. Plaintiffs are the owners as tenants by the entirety of a certain parcel of land with improvements in the City of Alexandria Virginia, known as 719 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, being the real property conveyed to your plaintiffs by Deed of John F. Pholeric, Jr. (sic), dated October 17, 1983, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria in Deed Book 1110 at Page 795. A copy of said Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference.
- 4. That said parcel with improvements is the same real property previously conveyed to the said John J. Pholeric, Jr. (sic) and Janet J. Pholeric by Deed of Earl P. Schubert, Jr. and Mary Lynne Schubert (formerly known as Mary Lynne Mazza) dated July 29, 1975, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria in Deed Book 804 at Page 171.
- 5. That said parcel with improvements is the same real property previously conveyed to the said Earl P. Schubert, Jr. and Mary Lynne Mazza by Deed of Joseph B. Davis and Mary K. Davis dated August 9, 1974, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria in Deed Book 784 at Page 302.
- 6. That said parcel with improvements is the same real property previously conveyed to the said Joseph B. Davis by Deed of Janet A. Rogers dated

- April 28, 1972, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria in Deed Book 740 at Page 234.
- 7. That said parcel with improvements is the same real property previously conveyed to the said Janet A. Rogers by a Decree Confirming Partition and Allotment, Chancery Number 15783, dated December 10, 1971, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria in Deed Book 734 at Page 40. The Defendant in this case was Cheryle Anne Struder.
- 8. That said parcel with improvements is the same real property previously conveyed to the said Janet A. Rogers by Deed of Orabelle Struder dated November 29, 1968, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria in Deed Book 692 at Page 347. A copy of said Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference.
- 9. Defendants are the owners as tenants of the entirety of a certain parcel of land with improvements in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, known as 721 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, being the real property conveyed to Defendants by Special Warranty Deed of Sonoma Development, Inc., and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria in Deed Book 1709 at Page 1227. A copy of said Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated by reference.

- 10. That other than the parties herein there are no other persons who have an interest in the subject matter of this suit.
- 11. That there is a cloud on the title of a strip of land running east to west for approximately 73. 75 feet along the southern boundary of Plaintiff's parcel and varying in width from approximately 1.6 feet to 0 feet. A copy of the plat for Plaintiff's property, dated July 11, 1975, is attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and incorporated by reference.
- 12. That the original portion of Plaintiff's residence was constructed c. 1848, and that at some time between 1941 and 1968 a fence was constructed along the line as described in Deed Book 692 at Page 347, and that said fence encroached on the property now know as 721 South Fairfax Street.
- 13. That when the property known as 719 South Fairfax Street was conveyed from Orabelle Struder to Janet A. Rogers this strip of land was also conveyed via a quitclaim deed, and that this strip of land has been specifically conveyed in every subsequent Deed for 719 South Fairfax Street.
- 14. That at some time between 1968 and 1975 said fence was partially replaced by a U-shaped brick wall, which encloses the Plaintiff's side courtyard, and a brick stoop was constructed between the south wall of the Plaintiff's residence and the brick wall.

- 15. That the area of land, which is the subject matter of this suit, lies entirely outside the walls of Defendant's residence, and is convergent with Plaintiff's parcel, and that said area of land contains a portion of the U-shaped brick wall, which is an integral part of the Plaintiff's yard.
- 16. That the residence belonging to Defendants is one of two residences built in 1998 and 1999 on vacant land that was once the side yard of the property now known as 723 ½ South Fairfax Street,
- 17. That the Plaintiffs, and their predecessors, have had exclusive possession of their lot, including the strip of land running along the south side, since at least the year 1968, and have used the same and exercised dominion over the same by fencing and walling in the strip, paving, gardening, planting, landscaping and recreating upon it, for a period in excess of 15 years, to wit: 34 years; and that such possession, use and dominion has been actual, exclusive, continuous, hostile, open, visible and notorious and under a claim of right and color of title.
- 18. That no action has been taken by the Defendants, or their precursors, within the 15 year limitation period prescribed by Section 8.01-236 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to make entry upon, or to recover, the land which is the subject of this suit, and that such a claim is effectively barred.

- 19. That Defendants have applied to the Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Review to demolish the brick wall and have received approval, by a vote of 3 to 2 to do so, and that Plaintiffs have appealed this decision to the Alexandria City Council, which has scheduled a Public Hearing for September 14, 2002.
- 20. That time is of the essence, to wit: neither the Board of Architectural

  Review nor the Alexandria City Council have jurisdiction over property line
  disputes, and will take action without regard to the merits of Plaintiff's
  claim.
- 21. This Court has jurisdiction to award relief pursuant to Section 8.01-620 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.
- 22. That there is no likelihood of harm to Defendants, to wit: the subject property is not theirs and the subject property has not been utilized by the Defendants or their predecessors for 34 years.
- 23. That irreparable harm will result to the Plaintiffs if the brick wall is demolished.
- 24. That Plaintiffs will prevail on the merits and it is in the interests of justice that the brick wall be preserved pending the outcome of this case.
- 25. That Plaintiffs have provided affidavit hereto and their equity is satisfactory pursuant to Section 8.01-628 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Wherefore, your Plaintiffs pray that injunctive relief be granted prohibiting

Defendants from demolishing the brick wall on the strip of land which is the
subject matter of this litigation pending a final adjudication; that the cloud on

Plaintiffs' title to the land which is the subject matter of this suit be removed by
finding and adjudging that any persons who may have any interest in said land
have lost said interest by adverse possession for the prescribed period and the
title is perfected in the Plaintiffs; and that your Plaintiffs may have such other
further and general relief as the nature of their case may require and to equity
may seem meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard K. Kellom, Jr. Susan B. Kellom

Bernard K. Kellom, Jr. 719 South Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 703-548-9273

Susan B. Kellom

Plaintiff, Pro Se

719 South Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-548-9273

Plaintiff, Pro Se

The foregoing Bill of Complaint has been reviewed by me and is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

BAK. Kellonf.
BERNARD K. KELLOM, JR.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM) to wit:

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, appeared this day BERNARD K. KELLOM, JR., and signed to the foregoing this 12<sup>4</sup> day of September, 2002, and has acknowledged his signature thereto.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2002.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 1/31/06

The foregoing Bill of Complaint has been reviewed by me and is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Susan B Kellom

# SUSAN B. KELLOM

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM) to wit:

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, appeared this day SUSAN B. KELLOM, and signed to the foregoing this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2002, and has acknowledged her signature thereto.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  $12^{46}$  day of September, 2002.

Juna M. Fram NOTARY PUBLIC

478100: 795 Exhibit 1

	THIS DEED, made this	17th day of	October	_ , 19 <u>83 ,</u> by and becar	era
_			IC JR unmarr	jed	<del></del>
, 1	parties of the first part; and	BERNARD K. KEI	LOM. JR. and St	SAN B. KÉLLOM. his	wife
i	his wife, remines by the entires				
. ,	tureby great and convey with g with the common law right of vested in said parties of the is	eneral warranty, unto survivorable, it bei scoud part during the	s the anid parties of s ug intended that the ric joint lives and th	stauftat fee uimble title	ira by the entirety, I property shall be shall be rested in
	the surviver of them, all that c described as follows:	estala land sicuste i	City of Alexan	<u>ndria Kinuny,</u> Vingini	a, and particularly
ix Street philia 22	Parcel 1: BEGINNING a South of the South sid Fairfax Street 20 feet 5 inches; thence North East parailel with Fra	e of Franklin S 6 inches; then parallel with nklin Street 12	treet, and runn ce West paralle Fairfax Street 3 feet 5 inches	ing thence South a 1 with Franklin St 20 feet, 6 inches; , to the place of	long the line of reet 123 feet, and thence beginning.
South Fairfa andria, Virg	Parcel 2: Those parce of ground lying between and that strip of grou provements appurtenant accompanying deed reco	n the South pro nd lying betwee to Parcel One	perty line and n the North pro located outside	the fence erected perty line and the of same, all as s	outside of same; fence and im- hown on plat
	Subject to the Deed of or the City of Alexand part agree to assume a	ria. Viroinia.	the balance of	which the parties	of the second
	For derivation of wife		transat and Ma	01/3148	
		A Section 1	•		
	Subject to restrictive	•		•	فلمم مشرماني
	The anid parties of a parties of the second part; a part shall have quiet present they, the said parties of the l	han they have does a	e got to queumbet the		gelies a: the percent
Crus C	Cont's then of the Cocos and fullowing	g signature and ord			
Arrests	551 6 THE MINISTER 15.68 00 500 1 WE WE SHOULD BE SENTED TO SENTED	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		ho to ye de	(SEAL)
Edla	Semme	~• `			(SFAL)
	Check		*		
	STATE OF VIRGINIA				
225		lexandria	, 10-Wit:		ing sa
3	ı, H. William Bras	Marille, a Namey Pa	blic, for the County o	r City aforesaid in the St	es of Virginia, where
. 4080	commission expires on the	15th day of	March 19	.87, do hereby certify	that
Ta× #080.040225	John F. Pho	leric, Jr.		whose	names are signed to
•	the foregoing deed, bearing de	se on the 17th d	y of Octo	ber 19 .83	, have, acknowledged
<b>}</b> %	•	1744		83	
TO A	GIVEN under my band :	lass Gay of	7/		$\mathcal{D}$ יופ $\mathcal{D}$ י
Office line	WILLIAM	·		Nonry Public	300
in Sex		-	н.	William Braum, Jr	X 2100

47

MAII IDO DANIEL I. SMITH, ESQ. 5600 Columbia Pike Balloya Crossroods, Va. 2204 135

BOOK 692 MER 347

Washington Low Reporter Form 50

# This Deed

e this 29th day of November in the year one thousand nine h	
Sixty-eight between Orabelle C. Struder, being the devi	see
of Hubert M. Struder, who died May 5, 1954, being a widow and unremarried	
	<del>_</del> _
part_yof the first po	zrt, an
Janet A. Rogers, forme sole	
1	
part.yof the secon	ıd par
Hittiesseth: That in consideration of the sum ofTen and no/100	
	Dollar
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	<del></del>
party of the first part	
do ss grant unto the said party of the second part	
+	
with General Warra	inty, e
All that lot of ground in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, bounded and	
described as follows, to wit: 169 feet, 3 inches South of the South Side	o.f
Franklin Street and running thence South along the line of Fairfax Street	
twenty feet six inches, thence West parallel with Franklin Street, Onc	
Hundred Twenty-three feet five inches, thence South parallel with Fairfax	
Street, Twenty Feet Six inches, and thence East parallel with Franklin St	
One Hundred Twenty-three Feet Five Inches to the place of beginning, it b	
the same property of which John Lawrence died seized, and it was conveyed	
him by deed dated April 27, 1801 and recorded in Libor D at page 85, it b	eing
also the property obtained by Special Commissioners Deed from H. Noel Gar	
dated September 30, 1920 and recorded in Deed Book 71 at pages 358 and 35	
by Special Commissioners Deed from Park E. Ticer dated September 19, 1941	
recorded in Deed Book 190 at page 478. Being known as premises 719 South	
Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, as per current plat of survey made	
R. E. Jackson, Certified Land Surveyor, dated December 16, 1968, attached	<u> </u>
herewith, said property being known as Lot Seven (7).	
·	
The said party of the first part also conveying and quitclaiming all that	str
of land, shown on said survey attached, lying between the fence line of t	he
	,-
adjacent property to the South, being Lot Eight (8), and the southerly	
boundary line of said lot Seven (7); and further conveying and quitclaimi	rg
all that strip of land, including the building mostly on Lot Seven (7), w	hich

Pare 33 12

See D.E. 7

700x 692 PAGE 348
shown by said plat to be partly upon Lot Six (6) A to the north, and lying
between the fence line shown on Lot Six-A (6-A) and the structure shown on said
plat in the rear of Lot Six-A(6-A), and the northerly line of said Lot Seven (7).
Further, said party of the first part conveys and quitclaims all that part of Lot Seven (7) lying south of the southerly fence line of the southerly
boundary of Lot Seven (7) to the rear of Lot Seven (7).
covenants, that she has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that she has done no act to encumber the said land; except
·
duly recorded; that the grantee :shall have quiet possession of the land free from all encumbrances,
and thatthe said part.yof the first part, will execute such further
assurance of the said land as may be requisite.
Witness the following signatureand seal:
Oralelle C. Struder [SEAL]
Orabelle C. Struder
•
City of the thermalism
State of Airginia
I,
for the County aforesald, in the State of Virginia, do certify that
Orabelle C. Struder
whose namesigned to the foregoing writing
bearing date on the 29thday of November, 1958 , has acknowledged the
same before me in my county aforesaid.
Given under my hand this 29th day of November 19 68  My Commission Expires October 30, 1972
Notary Public
MEMO.—To be acknowledged before an officer authorized to take neknowledgements. If acknowledged before a Notary Public the certificate should contain the date of expiration of commission of the Notary.

THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF

600k 692 rast 349 LOTT 00 VIRGANI*I*a In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, this instrument was received and the Taxos imposed by Sec. 52-54, (a) and (b), of the Code have been paid and with the annazed certificate, admitted to record on \$15,1969 at 3:10 o'clock ... M. Teste: FAIRFAX SHOWING HOUSE LOCATION, ON BUILDING 719 S. FAIRFAX STREET SCALE: 14- 20' DEC. 16, 196 DEC. 16, 1968 R. C. JAÇKBON GERTIFIED SURVEYOR ALEXANDRIA SURVEYS DANIEL J. SMITH DIS WYTHE ST. ALEXANDRIA, VA. TI @ PAGE 358

14

Proposed by & Maham for 1500 Radiure, Boy-Backman, Hopkin & Hournott, L.L.4 310 Kim, Royalin & Hournott, L.L.4 Alexandria, VA. 33314

16280

# Special Warranty Deed

This Deed made and entered into the 9th day of July, 1999, by and between Sonoma Development, Inc., a Virginia Corporation, Grantor and Jerry L. Chambers and Carol Sue Chambers, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the common law right of survivorship, Grantees.

# Witnesseth:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey with SPECIAL WARRANTY AND ENGLISH COVENANTS OF TITLE, unto the Grantees as tenants by the entirety with the common law right of survivorship; all of that certain lot or parcel of land together with improvements thereon ("the Property") situate and being in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West side of Fairfax Street 189 feet 9 inches South of Franklin Street and running thence West parallel with Franklin Street 123 feet 5 inches; thence South parallel with Fairfax Street 30 feet 1 inch; thence East parallel with Franklin Street 123 feet 5 inches to Fairfax Street and thence North therewith 30 feet 1 inch to the point of beginning.

AND BEING a part of the same property conveyed to Sonoma Development Inc., by deed from Mary C. Vassalo Saunders, as Executrix of the Estate of Samuel J. Vassalo (also known of record as Samuel Joseph Vassalo) (who died on April 18, 1992) and as devisee under the Will of Samuel J. Vassalo dated January 13, 1989 and Rex W. Saunders, her husband and Flora Ann Hall, unmarried, Administratrix, C.T.A. of the Estate of Samuel J. Vassalo and as devisee under the Will of Samuel J. Vassalo, dated June 30, 1997 and recorded July 18, 1997 in Deed Book 1608, page 749, and corrected and re-recorded January 6, 1999 in Deed Book 1678, page 868 among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

with an address of 721 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

# 8K 1709PG 1228

Together with all improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging and subject to restrictions, rights-of-way, easements and conditions of record, if any.

Witness the following signature and seal.

monta Development, Inc.

(Seal)

By: Edward F. Horn

Its President

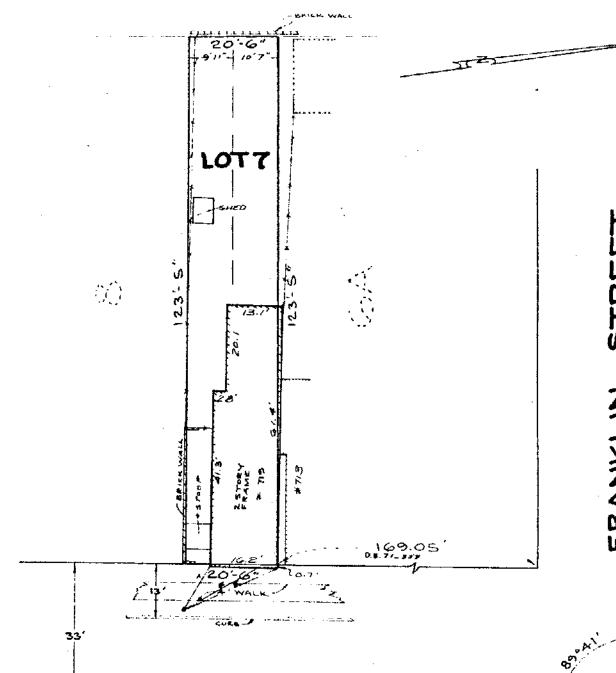
# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 9th day of July, 1999, by Edward F. Horn, as President of Sonoma Development, Inc., on behalf of the Corporation.

Motary Public / Morning

My Commission Expires:

INSTRUMENT #990016280 RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF ALEXANDRIA ON
JULY 13, 1999 AT 12:03PK
\$680.00 CRANTOR TAX HAS PAID AS
REQUIRED BY SEC 58:1-802 OF THE VA. CODE
STATE: \$340.00 LOCAL: \$340.00



So. FAIRFAX STREET

# PLAT

SHOWING HOUSE LOCATION ON BUILDING

# 719 So. FAIRFAX STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
SCALE: 1'= 20' JULY 11, 1975

17

<u>31832</u> 9-14-02

#### - CITY SEAL -

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, GRANTING A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A PERMIT TO DEMOLISH A BRICK WALL LOCATED AT 721 SOUTH FAIRFAX STREET, ZONED RM RESIDENTIAL. [CASE BAR-2002-0113]

A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chamber of the City of Alexandria, on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., or an adjournment thereof, at which time an appeal of a decision of the Board of Architectural Review, Old and Historic Alexandria District, on June 19, 2002, granting a request for approval of a permit to demolish a brick wall located at 721 South Fairfax Street, Zoned RM Residential, will be heard. APPLICANT: Jerry L. Chambers. APPELLANTS: Susan B. and Bernard K. Kellom on behalf of petitioners.

This appeal is being heard pursuant to Section  $10-107\,(A)\,(2)$  of the Zoning Ordinance for the Old and Historic Alexandria District of the City of Alexandria.

Beverly I. Jett, CMC, City Clerk

To be published in the:

Northern Virginia Journal on Thursday, August 29, 2002; and Alexandria Gazette-Packet on Thursday, August 29, 2002

#### - CITY SEAL -

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, GRANTING A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A FENCE TO BE LOCATED AT 721 SOUTH FAIRFAX STREET, ZONED RM RESIDENTIAL. [CASE BAR-2002-0114]

A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chamber of the City of Alexandria, on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., or an adjournment thereof, at which time an appeal of a decision of the Board of Architectural Review, Old and Historic Alexandria District, on June 19, 2002, granting a request for approval of a fence to be located at 721 South Fairfax Street, Zoned RM Residential, will be heard. APPLICANT: Jerry L. Chambers. APPELLANTS: Susan B. and Bernard K. Kellom on behalf of petitioners.

This appeal is being heard pursuant to Section  $10-107\,(A)\,(2)$  of the Zoning Ordinance for the Old and Historic Alexandria District of the City of Alexandria.

Beverly I. Jett, CMC, City Clerk

To be published in the:

Northern Virginia Journal on Thursday, August 29, 2002; and Alexandria Gazette-Packet on Thursday, August 29, 2002



Kerry J. Donley Mayor

William C. Cleveland Vice Mayor

Members of Council Claire M. Eberwein William D. Euille Redella S. Pepper David G. Speck Joyce Woodson

# City of Alexandria, Virginia 301 King Street, Suite 2300 Alexandria, Virginia 22314



Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk and Clerk of Council beverly jett@d.alexandria.va.us

> (703) 838-4550 Fax: (703) 838-6433.

August 16, 2002

Ms. Susan B. Kellom, et al. 719 South Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW APPEALS, CASE BAR 02-0113, CASE BAR 02-0114

Dear Ms. Kellom:

The above appeals will be scheduled for public hearing before City Council at its Public Hearing Meeting to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2400, Council Chamber, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

You may call my office on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, to see where they are placed on the docket.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Beverly I. Jett, CMC

City Clerk and Clerk of Council

cc: Jerry L. Chambers, 721 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA
Eileen Fogarty, Planning and Zoning Director
Peter Smith, Boards of Architectural Review Staff