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Docket Item #11 ENCROACHMENT #2003-0004

Planning Commission Meeting September 4, 2003

ISSUE:

Consideration of a request for encroachment into the public right-of-way for

a new masonry stoop with handrail and new ADA lift within a sub-surface

enclosure.

APPLICANT:

C. Richard Bierce

LOCATION:

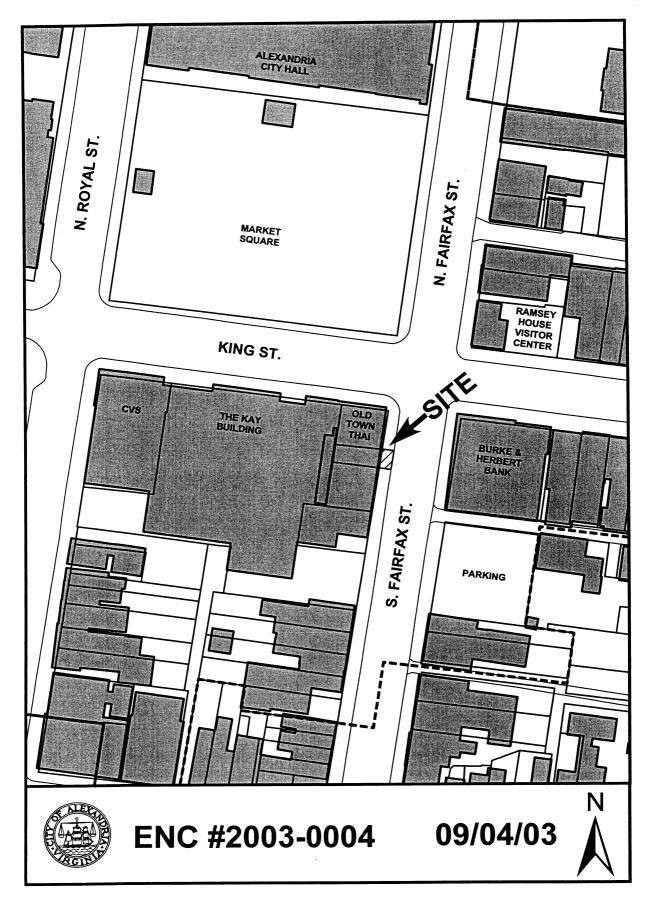
105 South Fairfax Street

ZONE:

CD/Commercial downtown

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003</u>: By unanimous consent, the Planning Commission <u>recommended approval</u> of the request, subject to compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances and staff recommendations.

Reason: The Planning Commission agreed with the staff analysis.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant (and his or her successors, if any) shall obtain and maintain a policy of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, which will indemnify the applicant (and his or her successors, if any) and the City of Alexandria, as an additional named insured, against all claims, demands, suits, etc., and all costs related thereto, including attorney fees, relating to any bodily injury or property damage which may occur as a result of the granting of this encroachment. (P&Z) (T&ES)
- 2. In the event the City shall, in the future, have need for the area of the proposed encroachment, the applicant shall remove any structure or projection that encroaches into the public right-of-way, within 60 days, upon notification by the City. (P&Z)
- 3. Call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds. This statement must appear in the General Notes of the site plan so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirement. (Historic Alexandria)
- 4. Contact Alexandria Archaeology (703-838-4399) two weeks prior to any ground disturbing activity (such as coring, grading, filling, vegetation removal, undergrounding utilities, pile driving, landscaping and other excavations as defined in Section 2-151 of The Zoning Ordinance) on this property. City archaeologists will provide on-site inspections to record significant finds. This statement must appear in the General Notes of the site plan so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirement. (Historic Alexandria)
- 5. Neither the City nor any private utility company will be held responsible for damage to the private improvements in the public right-of-way during repair, maintenance or replacement of any utilities that may be located within the area of the proposed encroachment. (T&ES)

<u>Staff Note:</u> For commercial properties, the applicant and/or his successors are responsible for payment of an annual charge for such encroachment pursuant to Section 3-2-85 of the City Code.

DISCUSSION:

- 1. The applicant, C. Richard Bierce, AIA, requests approval of an ordinance for encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way for 105 South Fairfax Street.
- 2. The subject property is one lot of record with 40 feet of frontage on South Fairfax Street, 40 feet of depth, and a total lot area of 1,600 square feet. The property is developed with a three story brick commercial building built in ca. 1807, and is occupied by the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. In the immediate vicinity of the museum are commercial uses including Old Town Thai restaurant and the Burke and Herbert Bank, City Hall and the Ramsay House Visitor Center across the street. Residential uses are also in the near vicinity.
- 3. The applicant requests approval of an encroachment to allow the installation of a new masonry stoop and a below grade handicapped lift, in order to create handicapped accessibility to the museum. The total sidewalk width from the building face is currently 12 feet. The masonry stoop is proposed to project seven feet into the right-of-way, and is five feet six inches wide. Five feet of sidewalk will remain, although there is a water meter in this area. The recessed lift platform is proposed immediately to the right of the stoop, and projects six feet into the right-of-way. The platform is flush with the sidewalk elevation. There is a tree well located approximately two and a half feet from the corner of the below grade lift. (See attached plan).
- 4. On August 6, 2003, the Board of Architectural Review approved the stoop and lift. On June 15, 2003, the Board considered the demolition of portions of the rear wall of the building which would have allowed construction of a small addition and significant aesthetic improvements to the existing private alley to provide accessibility at grade (BAR Case #2002-0303). However, the construction of the addition was dependent upon an easement being granted from the owners of 320 King Street to allow the use of the alley that runs between the two properties. Unfortunately, the necessary approval could not be obtained and the museum now is proposing this alternative method of achieving accessibility.
- 5. <u>Master Plan/Zoning:</u> The subject property is zoned CD/Commercial downtown zone, and is located in the Old Town Small Area Plan.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Staff does not object to the proposed encroachment at 105 South Fairfax Street. The applicant explored another handicapped accessibility option out of the right-of-way, in the adjacent alley, that proved infeasible. The proposed encroachment is a costly effort that attempts to minimize the amount of structure at the front of the building, while still providing accessibility. There is still five feet of sidewalk from the edge of the handrail of the stoop to the curb for pedestrians. Although there will technically be only two and a half feet of sidewalk area between the northeast corner of the platform and a tree well, the platform will be recessed below grade. Therefore, staff finds that there is still ample area for pedestrian access.

Staff recommends approval of the encroachment.

STAFF: Eileen Fogarty, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning;

Barbara Ross, Deputy Director; Valerie Peterson, Urban Planner.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

<u>Transportation</u> & <u>Environmental Services</u>:

- F-1 T&ES believes that the proposed masonry stoop and recessed lift allows for an adequate pedestrian pathway and has no objection to the application.
- R-1 The applicant (and his/her successors, if any) must obtain and maintain a policy of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, which will indemnify the applicant (and his/her successors, if any) and the City of Alexandria, as an additional named insured, against all claims, demands, suits, etc., and all costs related thereto, including attorney fees, relating to any bodily injury or property damage which may occur as a result of the granting of this encroachment.
- R-2 Neither the City nor any private utility company will be held responsible for damage to the private improvements in the public right-of-way during repair, maintenance or replacement of any utilities that may be located within the area of the proposed encroachment.

Code Enforcement:

C-1 Construction permits are required for the proposed project.

Health Department:

F-1 No comments

Police Department:

F-1 No objections.

Historic Alexandria

- F-1 The Stabler-Leadbetter Apothecary Museum is a significant historic property. There is potential for archaeological resources to be located in the area of these projects.
- R-1 Call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds.
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- R-3 The statements in R-1 and R-2 above must appear in the General Notes of the site plan so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirement.

APPLICATION for ENCROACHMENT # 2003-0004

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PROPERTY LOCATION: 105 S. FAIRFAX ST.
TAX MAP REFERENCE: 075.01-08-04 ZONE: CD CONWESCIAL
APPLICANT'S NAME: C. FLUMED BIERCE, AJA
ADDRESS: 121 3. POPE ST. DLEX. V. 22314
PROPERTY OWNER NAME: STABLER LEADBEATER APOTHECARY NUSEUN
ADDRESS: 105 S. FAIRFAY ST. ALEX. VA 2234
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INSURANCE CARRIER (copy attached) HARTFORD CAS. N.S. POLICY # 42 58 AS 5 & A certificate of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 which will indemnify the owner and names the city as an additional insured must be attached to this application.
THE UNDERSIGNED hereby applies for an Encroachment Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-1-16 and Section 3-2-82 and 85 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to posplacard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-301 (B) of the 1992 Zonin Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
THE UNDERSIGNED also attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., require of the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief.
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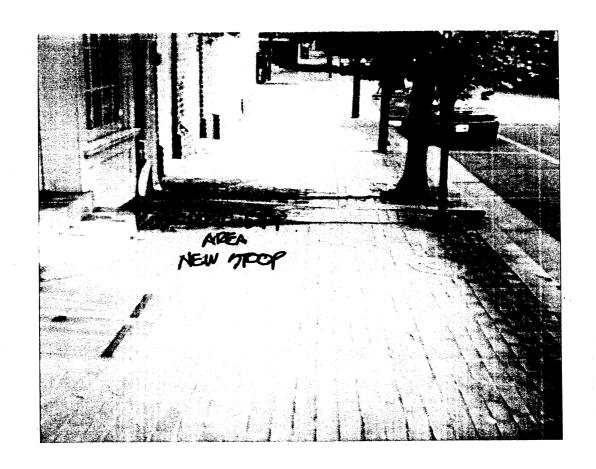
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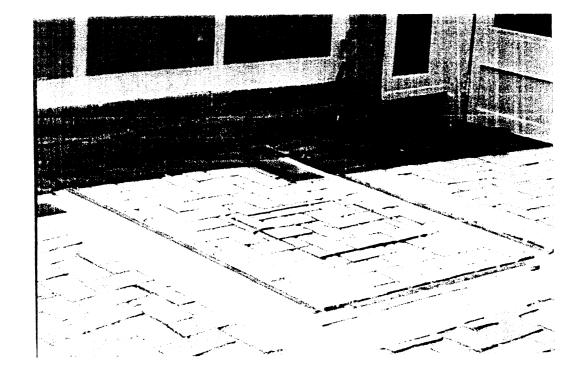
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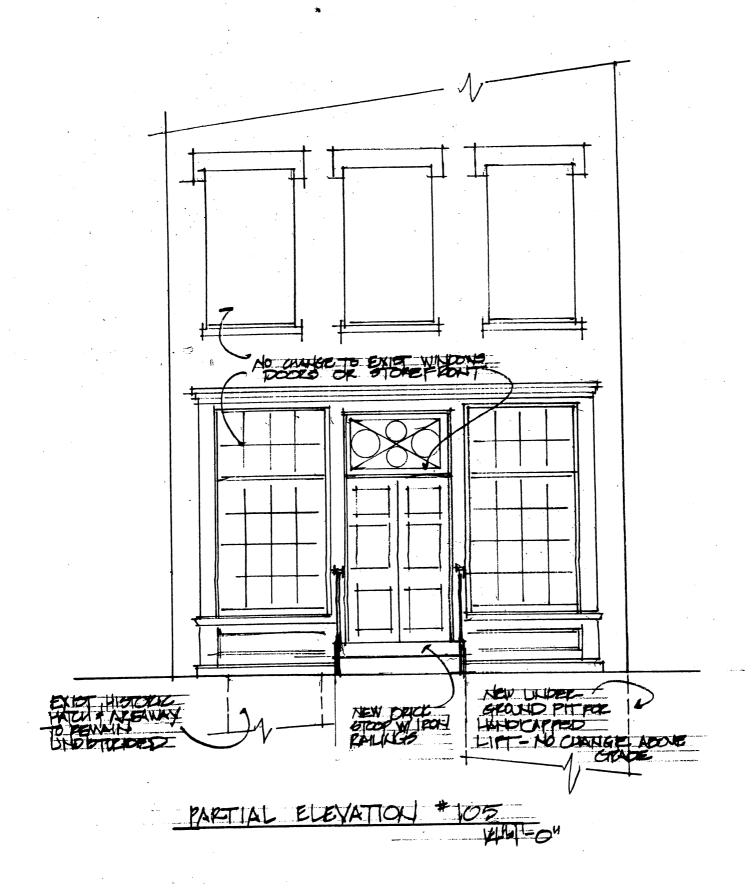
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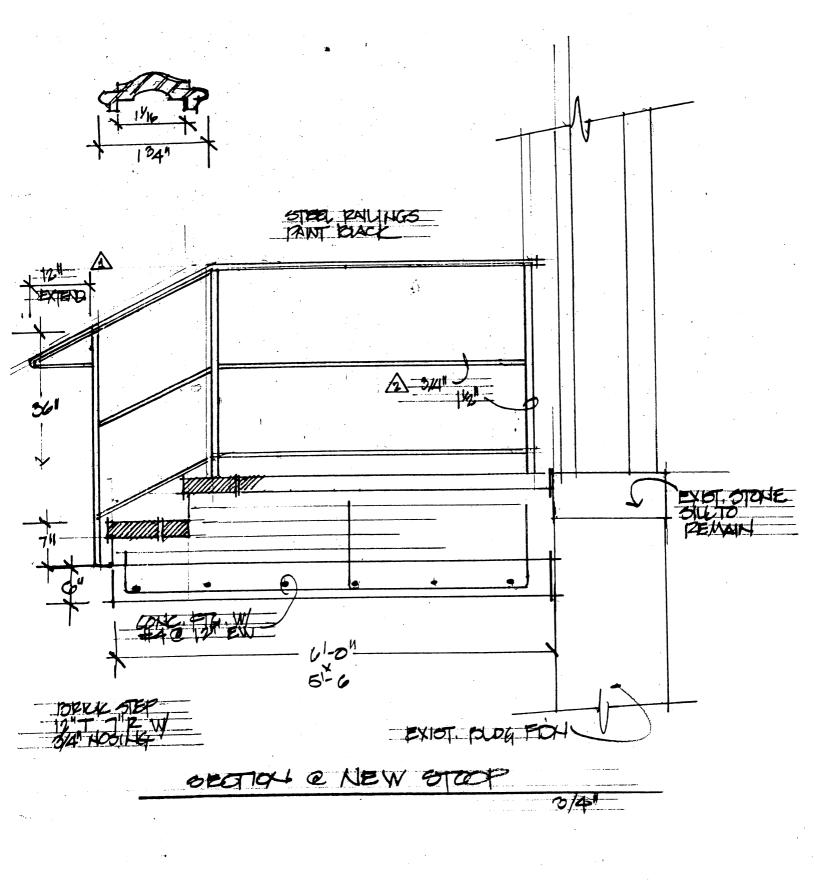
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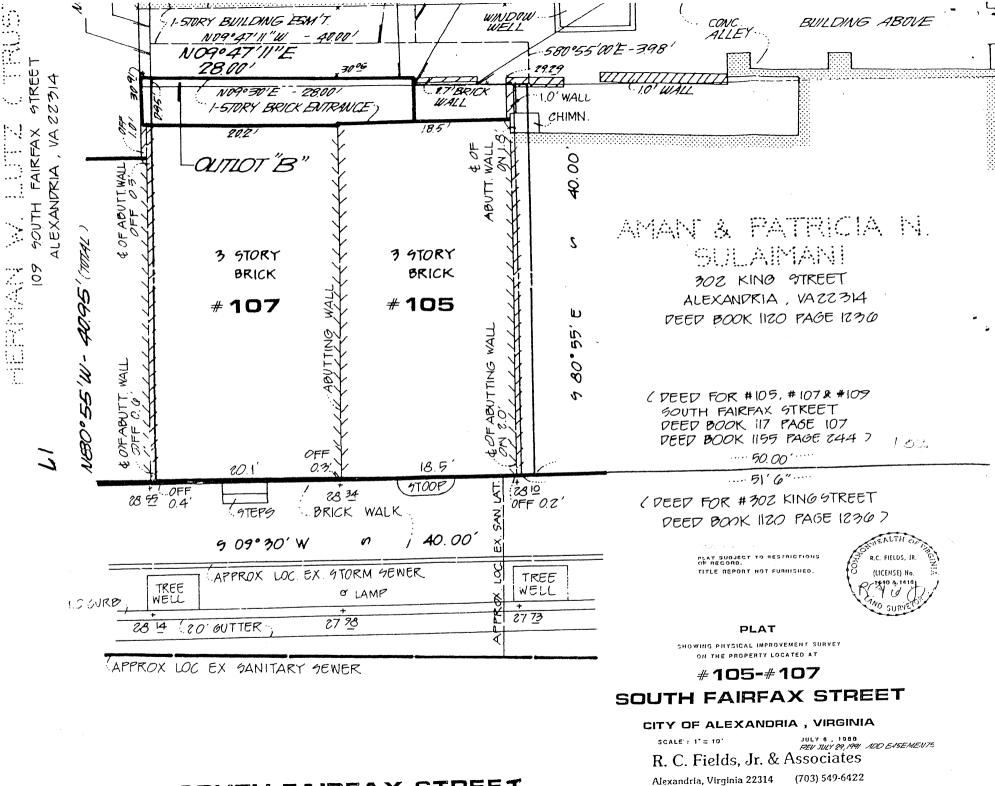
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