

Docket Item #8
BAR Case #2003-0249

BAR Meeting
November 5, 2003

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: R.B. Adams
LOCATION: 206 Duke Street
ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

DISCUSSION:

Applicant s Description of the Undertaking:

Request approval to enclose existing porch at rear of property.

Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to enclose the porch on the rear of the one story addition that was constructed in 1998 on the east side of the house at 206 Duke Street. The porch will be enclosed in a new glazing system. There will be four sets of eight light windows with wood panels below on both the east and west sides. The rear (south) elevation will have a centered pair of wood and eight light doors flanked by symmetrical eight light windows with wood panels below. The windows and doors will have multi-light transoms above. The enclosure of the porch will be held off the existing columns for approximately eight inches which will, thus, remain freestanding. In addition, a rake board is proposed to added to the pediment.

History and Analysis:

According to *Historic Alexandria, Virginia, Street by Street, A Survey of Early Historic Buildings* by Ethelyn Cox, the house at 206 Duke Street was probably built around 1850.

In 1998, the Board denied the one story addition at the east side of the house and associated demolition. That decision was appealed to City Council which approved the one story addition on 5/16/98 (BAR Case #98-0016).

Proposed porch enclosure complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

The changes to the existing porch are only visible from the public alley at the rear of the property. Staff has no objections to the alterations to the 1998 addition. Staff believes that the changes are appropriate and consistent with the overall architectural character of the addition.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

C-1 Construction permits are required for this project.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.