

Docket Item #4  
BAR CASE #2004-0023

BAR Meeting  
March 17, 2004

**ISSUE:** Alterations to entrance

**APPLICANT:** Joan Gardner

**LOCATION:** 811 S Columbus Street

**ZONE:** RM/Residential

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

DISCUSSION:

Applicant's Description of the Undertaking:

“Install trim similar to adjacent properties, painted same color as original - burgundy door w/cream trim.”

Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the entrance at 811 South Columbus Street. The applicant is proposing to install a Sparrow Entrance system. The new entrance consists of a Fypon crosshead mantel and fluted pilasters. The new features will be painted cream to match the existing building trim.

History and Analysis:

The two story brick faced house at 811 South Columbus Street is one of a group of eight townhouses on the west side of the 800 block of South Columbus Street which were constructed in 1979 and 1980, by altering and adding to an existing two story apartment building. The Board approved the project in a series of decisions in 1979 (4/18/1979, 5/2/1979, 10/3/1979). The building permit drawings indicate that the rear ells were newly constructed in 1979-80 and that each of the houses had a pair of french doors in the second story of the rear ell (Permit #10502).

In October 2003, Staff administratively approved a replacement four panel wood door with two lights. At this time the applicant was informed of the need to apply to the Board for the alterations to the entrance trim.

The proposed alterations comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

While Staff would prefer to see the new entrance feature constructed of wood, Staff has no objection to the use of fypon on this modern building. Staff also notes that the building is set back from the street.

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 Construction permits are required for the proposed project.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

“No comment.”