

Docket Item #3
BAR CASE #2004-0065

BAR Meeting
May 5, 2004

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Paul Davey
LOCATION: 200 Prince Street
ZONE: RM/Residential

BOARD ACTION, APRIL 21, 2004: Deferred at the request of the applicant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

Update: Since the last public hearing the applicant has revised the design of the rear entryway and now proposes only to replace the existing door with a new door.

DISCUSSION:

Applicant's Description of the Undertaking:

“Homeowners request approval to replace the existing rear 6 panel door with a full lite door. The door will have the same 15 lite pattern as the existing kitchen door..”

Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new 15 light wood door at the rear of the residence at 200 Prince Street. The door will replace an existing six panel wood Colonial Revival door.

History and Analysis:

200 Prince Street along with 201 South Lee Street was originally constructed ca. 1780 with rear two story flounder wings added in the early part of the 20th century.

Proposed alterations comply with zoning regulations.

In the opinion of Staff, the proposed new door is acceptable. It replaces an inappropriate Colonial Revival style door and is at the rear of the house. While quite clearly visible from Prince Street, the door is similar to the pair of multi-light French doors that were approved and installed in an addition to the house at 201 South Lee Street in 1991. Staff does not believe that the door will alter any character defining feature of the architecture of this house and is, in any case, easily reversible. Therefore, Staff recommends approval.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

- C-1 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-2 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 Construction permits are required for this project. Plans shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the construction as well as layouts and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.