

Docket Item #6
BAR CASE #2004-0158

BAR Meeting
August 18, 2004

ISSUE: Alterations

APPLICANT: Samuel M. Ellsworth

LOCATION: 214 ½ North Fairfax Street

ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the reconstruction of a brick wall on the south side of the property. The wall separates the property from Norford Court and is visible from the 300 block of Cameron Street.

The new wall will be approximately 6'4" in overall height and be constructed in running with a cap of sloped bricks that project approximately ½" beyond the face of the wall and will incorporate a 3' wide board and batten made of 1 x 6 boards laid diagonally.

II. History

214 ½ North Fairfax Street is a two story, brick freestanding house set well back from the street and dates from ca. 1900 according to the City's real estate assessment information.

The wall to be rebuilt is laid up in common American running bond and, therefore, likely dates from the 20th century. The brick wall has failed.

III. Analysis

Proposed wall alterations/repair and gate comply with zoning ordinance requirement.

Staff has no objection to a reconstruction of the brick wall. It is likely a 20th century wall and, a such, the replacement wall is appropriate. Additionally, the wall is well removed from the public right-of-way.

IV. Staff Recommendation

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 construction permit is required for this project.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.