

Docket Item #4
BAR CASE# 2005-0005

BAR Meeting
February 16, 2005

ISSUE: Sign
APPLICANT: Pamela Vito
LOCATION: 106 North Lee Street
ZONE: CD Commercial

BOARD ACTION, FEBRUARY 2, 2005: This docket item was removed from the Proposed Consent Calendar by Mr. Smeallie. On a motion by Ms. Neihardt, seconded by Ms. Quill the Board approved the wall sign and awnings and deferred for restudy the size of the sign lettering on the awnings. The vote on the motion was 4-1 (Mr. Smeallie was opposed).

REASON: The Board agreed with the Staff analysis. They deferred the lettering on the awning because the applicant stated that larger lettering was desired.

SPEAKER: Pamela Vito, applicant, spoke in support

Update:

At the February 2, 2005 hearing the Board deferred for restudy the size of the proposed signage on the center awning. The lettering size was deferred at the request of the applicant due to a misunderstanding. No changes have been made to the previously proposed lettering size.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the name “Hannelore’s” to be installed on the new awnings approved by the Board at the February 2, 2005 hearing. The ivory colored lettering measures 9' in length by 1'6" in height.

II. HISTORY:

According to Sanborn maps, the two story brick-faced, concrete block commercial building at 106 North Lee Street was built between 1921 and 1941.

The Board has approved a number of alterations and signs for various tenants of the building. Extensive alterations to the west and south facades of the building for the operations of Portside Outlets were approved by the Board on August 17, 1983. In 1991 and 1992, the Board approved alterations for Cipollina’s Deli (BAR Case #91-83, 5/1/91, BAR Case #92-72, 4/15/92). In 1996 the Board approved a hanging sign and window sign for Firehook (Bar Case #96-266, 12/4/96).

III. ANALYSIS:

Per Sanborn Maps, 106 North Lee Street has a building width of approximately 90' facing North Lee Street. The proposed sign complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff believes that the proposed lettering height meets the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines* and is appropriate.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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 A construction permit is required for the proposed project.
- C-2 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-4 Awnings must comply with all applicable requirements of USBC 3105 and 3202. Fixed awnings must have a minimum 7 foot clearance from a sidewalk to the lowest part of the framework or any fixed portion of any retractable awning is required.
- C-5 Fixed awnings must be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads and live loads required by the USBC. Structural members must be protected to prevent deterioration (USBC 3105.2).

Office of Historic Alexandria:

“No comment”