Docket Item #3 BAR CASE #2005-0073

BAR Meeting May 4, 2005

ISSUE:	Brick wall
APPLICANT:	Stephen Quatannens
LOCATION:	217 South Alfred Street
ZONE:	CL/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. <u>ISSUE</u>:

The applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new brick wall at the rear of 217 South Alfred Street. The proposed wall will extend along the north and west property lines. The 6' high wall will be constructed of brick to match the color of the house. A simple wood gate with a brick arch will be located at the southern end of the west property line.

II. HISTORY:

217 South Alfred Street is a two story, three bay frame residence built prior to 1877. It was extensively renovated in 1936 and encased in brick in 1948. A small single story addition on the south side was added between 1936 and 1941. On November 19, 2003, the Board approved plans for a new two story rear and side addition (BAR Case #'s 2003-261 & 262). Recently, the Board approved alterations to the previously approved plans for the side addition (BAR Case #'2004-0255, 12/1/04).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed fence complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

The proposed brick wall complies with the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines* (Fences - Page 2). Staff has no objections to the design of the wall which replaces an inappropriate stockade fence.

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 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-2 Construction permits are required for this project.

Historic Alexandria: "No comment."