

Docket Item #7
BAR CASE #2005-0138

BAR Meeting
July 6, 2005

ISSUE: Railings
APPLICANT: Esther Grimes Mulligan
LOCATION: 205 N Pitt 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 to install a handrail on each side of the existing front steps of 205 North Pitt Street. The approximately 36" high iron railings include a belgium top rail, square pickets, ball caps, lambs tongues, and a decorative casting centered in each railing. The metal railings have a powder coated black finish.

II. HISTORY:

The three story brick building at 205 North Pitt Street was constructed in 1978 (C.O. #5149, 6/29/78).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed railings comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

Railings are an important functional element of entrances to buildings. At the same time, they can also have a decorative function. Staff believes that the proposed railings meet the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines* and are appropriate.

V. 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 Construction shall conform to the USBC.

Historic Alexandria:

“No comment.”