

Docket Item# 12
BAR CASE# 2005-0155

BAR Meeting
July 6, 2005

ISSUE: Awning and Signage
APPLICANT: Ten Thousand Villages
LOCATION: 915 King Street
ZONE: CD/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the current awning with a new shed style awning. The awning measures 2' 3" high, by 2' deep and is 8' off the ground. It is covered in red awning material. Signage will consist of the business name, reading, "TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES" in white Times New Roman letters that are 8" tall.

II. HISTORY:

The building at 915 King Street was constructed by William Myers between 1798 and 1802. Myers sold the house to John Mills in March 1803. Anthony C. Cazenove then bought the house in January 1816. (Cox, Historic Alexandria Street by Street)

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed awning has minimal graphics, and thus meets the *Design Guidelines* recommendation that signs should be simple and avoid undue verbiage.

The Board approved a very similar awning/valance for Nantucket Moon at this location in 2000 (BAR Case # 2000-0100, 6/7/00).

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 Construction permits are required for this project.

C-2 Awnings must comply with all applicable requirements of USBC 3105 and 3202. Retractable and 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-3 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).

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.