

Docket Item #6
BAR Case# 2005-0161

BAR Meeting
July 20, 2005

ISSUE: Addition and alterations

APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams & Associates

LOCATION: 210 Duke 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 an addition and alterations to the residential townhouse at 210 Duke Street.

PERGOLA

A new wood pergola is proposed along the brick wall at the south end of the property. The pergola is approximately 13' at its widest point and tapers to a width of approximately 9'; is 4' in length and 12' in height. It has an open, slated flounder form roof supported by six wood columns.

GATES

A new pair of wood gates is proposed in the existing opening on the east side of the property. The gates have an open spindle configuration on the top third and cross braced vertical slats on the lower part.

II. HISTORY:

210 Duke Street dates from ca. 1783 and was, in the late 18th century the home of Dr. James Craik.

Last year the Board approved an addition to the main historic block, a pool equipment shed and other alterations (BAR Case# 2004-0253, 12/1/05).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed gate and pergola comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed pergola which is similar to many others which the Board has approved in recent years. Similarly, Staff has no objection to the replacement wood gates which are a traditional type of wood gate design found throughout the historic district.

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 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-2 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 Construction permits are required for this project. Plans shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the construction as well as layouts and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

No comment.