

Docket Item #10
BAR CASE #2005-0160

BAR Meeting
July 20, 2005

ISSUE: Construction of new fence

APPLICANT: Paul and Joyce Stevens by Robert Bentley Adams

LOCATION: 632 South Fairfax Street

ZONE: CL/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

NOTE: Docket item #9 must be approved before this docket item can be considered.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant requests approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a new brick and wood picket fence at the property at 632 South Fairfax Street. The proposed fence would extend along the South Fairfax Street frontage of the property approximately 45' and return along the Franklin Street face of the property approximately 79'. The fence will be approximately 6' in height and will consist of a brick base 1'6" in height with 12" x 12" brick piers that are 6'6" in height and spaced 7'3" apart. Between the piers will be painted 1 x 1 wood picket 4'6" in height. At the east end of the fence along Franklin Street there will be a set of wood picket gates to match to allow access to the driveway.

II. HISTORY:

The site of the proposed fence is currently occupied by the corner stores constructed between 1931 and 1941 which are the subject of a separate demolition application.

III. ANALYSIS:

Proposed fence complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

As presently proposed the fence is designed to be placed on an area of Franklin Street that is the subject of a vacation ordinance. The applicant has indicated, however, that if the vacation is not granted the same design will be utilized along the existing property line.

Staff has no objection to the design of the proposed fence which is almost identical to other fences approved by the Board one block away in the 800 block of South Fairfax Street: at 801 South Fairfax Street (BAR Case #2000-0046, 6/21/00) and at 833 South Fairfax Street (BAR Case #2004-0185, 10/20/04).

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:

F-1 The plot plan shows the proposed fencing penetrating an existing building and obstructing required means of egress. More information about the existing building is required for a final determination of this request.

C-1 Should the issues in F-1 be resolved, the design of the fence and materials used for construction will require a construction permit.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.