

Docket Item #3
BAR CASE #2005-0248

BAR Meeting
November 16, 2005

ISSUE: Pergolas

APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. William Oetgen by Liberty Row , LLC.

LOCATION: 647 First Street

ZONE: CD/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of two pergolas at the rear of the new townhouse at 647 First Street. The wood pergolas measures 7'6" tall and 4'9" wide. Both pergolas will be painted white.

The pergolas will be visible through the trees from South Washington Street and East Abingdon Drive.

II. HISTORY:

The new townhouse at 647 First Street was approved by the Board on 6/19/02 (BAR Case #2000-0270) as part of the Liberty Row development.

III. ANALYSIS:

Section 7-202 (A)(5) of the zoning ordinance permits a pergola in any required yard conditional upon remaining 80 percent open. The proposed pergolas comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff believes the proposed pergolas are acceptable. The pergolas are constructed of wood and are similar in design to pergolas previously approved by the Board for backyards throughout the district.

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 Construction permits are required for the proposed project.

Historic Alexandria:

“No comment.”