

Docket Item #4
BAR CASE #2005-0249

BAR Meeting
November 16, 2005

ISSUE: Pergola

APPLICANT: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Varipapa by Liberty Row , LLC.

LOCATION: 649 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 a pergola at the rear of the new townhouse at 649 First Street. The wood pergola measures 7'6" tall 4'9" wide, and 14' long. The pergola will be painted white.

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

II. HISTORY:

The new townhouse at 649 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 pergola complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff believes the proposed pergola is acceptable. The pergola is constructed of wood and is 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.”