

Docket Item # 3
BAR CASE #2005-0292

BAR Meeting
January 4, 2006

ISSUE: Sign

APPLICANT: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by Bill Shaffer

LOCATION: 699 Prince 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 for the installation of a cast bronze historical plaque on the brick face of the parking garage associated with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 699 Prince Street. The physical location of the garage entrance and proposed plaque is at 114 South Washington Street. The proposed 15" wide by 12" long plaque will carry twelve lines of text identifying the site as the former location of the Trinity United Methodist Church. The plaque will be located on the right side of the vehicular entrance to the garage. The plaque installation was initiated by the church and is being undertaken with the approval of the NCMEC.

II. HISTORY:

As explained in the plaque text, the site was historically the home of Trinity United Methodist Church until 1942. The garage was built c. 1977 as a separate building on the South Washington Street site behind 699 Prince Street.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed historical plaque is modest in size and design and provides a valuable service, transmitting historical information about the site.

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 A construction permit is required for the proposed project.

C-2 Wall signs must comply with USBC [H103-H111].

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No comment.