

Docket Item #3
BAR CASE #2006-0043

BAR Meeting
March 15, 2006

ISSUE: Fencing
APPLICANT: Nika & Nicolas Dufour
LOCATION: 806 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 the installation of an iron fence in the front yard of the 19th century story frame house at 806 Duke Street. The fence will enclose an existing brick patio which is 10" high and occupies most of the front yard. The fence will be 18' wide by 7'4" deep and will be entirely within the subject property. It will be 3' tall in a simple hoop and spear design with a black finish. There will be a 3' wide gate on the right side, aligned with the front door. The gate will have straight pickets and two scrolls on the top.

II. HISTORY:

The three bay wide house is two stories with a full mansard. Map research and physical appearance suggests that the building was constructed as a two story structure before 1877 and was expanded to two-and-a-half stories with a mansard roof addition in the latter part of the 19th century or early 20th century. This addition resulted in further architectural embellishment of the modest vernacular structure, adding a bracketed cornice and decorative dormers.

In 1966, the Board approved the installation of aluminum siding and shutters and alterations to the front porch and slab and roofing material (9/14/1966). The following year, the board approved the installation of a light and standard at 806 Duke Street (6/15/1967). Staff could not locate any more recent reviews for this property.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed open style fence complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

In the opinion of Staff, the proposed simple hoop and spear fence is appropriate to the 19th century vernacular house and complies with the *Design Guidelines*. The fence is of a style that is commonly found in the historic district. The fence will serve to define the patio, which currently presents a tripping hazard.

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:

No comments.

Historic Alexandria:

“Proposed fencing is a compatible style to others in the area.