

Docket Item # 5
BAR CASE #2006-0097

BAR Meeting
June 7, 2006

ISSUE: Sign

APPLICANT: Galen Institute, Inc.

LOCATION: 128 South Royal Street

ZONE: CL/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a hanging sign at 128 South Royal Street. The sign will be 18" in height and 24" in width and be installed on an existing metal scroll hanging bracket. The sign will be made of MDO and will have a white background, blue lettering and a blue and white logo.

II. HISTORY:

The two story brick commercial structure at 128-130 South Royal Street was constructed in the 19th century with later additions according to Ethelyn Cox in *Alexandria Street by Street* (p.155).

In 2000 the Board approved a hanging sign at this location for a second floor tenant Mouse Up Media (BAR Case#2000-0012, 2/16/00). In addition, the Board has previously approved signs for several other businesses at this location including flat wall mounted signs for Burke's Peerage, Antiques & Decorative Objects in 1986 (5/7/86, BAR Case #86-64) and a hanging sign for Alison Hinds Antiques in 1993 (2/17/93, BAR Case #93-21).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed sign complies with the Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed sign which meets the recommendations contained in the *Design Guidelines* and is virtually identical to other hanging signs that have been approved at this address by the Board in the past. Thus, Staff recommends approval.

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 Projecting, hanging signs must comply with USBC for type of materials, maximum projection, vertical clearance below all parts of the sign, and additional loads.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

No comments.