

Docket Item # 12  
BAR CASE #2006-0086

BAR Meeting  
June 21, 2006

**ISSUE:** Demolition and Capsulation

**APPLICANT:** Matthew Newton

**LOCATION:** 1221 Prince Street

**ZONE:** CL/Commercial

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

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**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a Permit to Demolish an existing rear one-story addition, and construct a new one-story addition on the same footprint. The existing one-story addition is located to the back of the house and measures approximately 7' x 16'. An existing wood fence shields the rear addition largely from public views.

**II. HISTORY:**

The 1221 Prince Street appears on the 1885 Sanborn map but not the 1877 map, which indicates it was built between 1877 and 1885.

Staff could not locate any recent Board approvals for this address.

Building permits indicate that a rear porch was enclosed in 1963 (Building Permit # 20183).

**III. ANALYSIS:**

In considering a Permit to Demolish, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B):

- (1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?
- (2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic shrine?
- (3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?
- (4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?
- (5) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?
- (6) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?

Staff believes none of the above criteria are applicable in this case and supports the approval of the Permit to Demolish/Capsulate.

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

C-2 A construction permit is required for the proposed project.

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Not enough information provided on when this addition was built and what will take its place. .