

Docket Item #4
BAR CASE #2006-0131

BAR Meeting
July 19, 2006

ISSUE: Sign
APPLICANT: Rodrigo Restrepo
LOCATION: 824 King Street
ZONE: CD/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 two wall individual letter signs one on each street face of the retail business at 824 King Street. Each sign reads: "Old Town Pack and Ship" and will be individually mounted acrylic letters in a blue color and measures 9" in height by 13'8' in length.

II. HISTORY:

824 King Street is a commercial building dating from the mid-to-late 19th century at the southeast corner of King and South Alfred Streets. The building appears on the Hopkins 1877 City Atlas of Alexandria.

A building permit from 1936 describes the proposal to install new "modern show windows" on the buildings (#2010, 11/2/36). At this time a steel door on the Alfred Street side of the building was also replaced with a new steel door. In August of 1953, the Board approved alterations to the buildings for Gibsons Drug store (permit #11038) which extended the existing plate glass show windows, bulkhead sign band and carrara glass panels.

Earlier this year the Board approved the existing wall sign at the corner of the building (BAR Casr #2005-0215, 2/1/06). In 2005 the Board approved alterations to the existing storefronts at 822 -824 King Street (BAR Case #2005-0148/149, 9/21/05).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed sign complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff believes that the proposed signs meet the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines*. The Board normally approves multiple signs for business located in corner buildings.

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.

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

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.