

Docket Item #7
BAR CASE #2006-0154

BAR Meeting
July 19, 2006

ISSUE: Brick wall and wood fence

APPLICANT: Charles Huettner

LOCATION: 216 S. Fayette Street

ZONE: RM/Residential

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 a new brick wall around the perimeter of the rear yard and a wood gate at the rear property line to replace the existing wood fence. The 6' high wall will be brick with 24" square brick piers at intervals. The wall will be capped with a rowlock brick course and the piers with a bluestone. The gate at the back will be painted wood and will have a curved top with wood bars. The piers flanking the gate will be topped with a lantern type light fixture.

The rear of the property is visible in through-the-block views from Henry Street due to the open parking lot on the Henry Street side of the block and from the east-west alley at the north end of the block. Only the rear wall and gate are likely to be visible.

II. HISTORY:

216 South Fayette Street is one of a row of five two story, two bay attached frame rowhouses which date from the late 19th century. The Board approved demolition/capsulation and single story additions for three of the houses in the row at 216, 218 & 220 South Fayette Street (BAR Case #s 2004-0041, 0042, 0044, 0045, 0047 and 0048, 4/7/2004).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed wall meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Staff believes the proposed wall and gate are appropriate in design and material and comply with the *Design Guidelines*.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, 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.

Historic Alexandria:

The request seems appropriate.