

Docket Item #8
BAR CASE #2006-0155

BAR Meeting
July 19, 2006

ISSUE: Brick wall and wood fence

APPLICANT: Charles Huettner

LOCATION: 218 S. Fayette Street

ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the fence be stained or painted.

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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for new brick walls at the sides and a wood fence at the back of the rear yard to replace the existing wood fence. The wall will be brick with 24" square brick piers at intervals. The 6' high wall will be capped with a rowlock brick course and the piers with a bluestone. The 6' high wood fence will be constructed of 1" x 6" boards with a 2" x 4" top rail. There will be no gate.

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 elevation of the fence is likely to be visible.

II. HISTORY:

218 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 and fence meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Staff believes the proposed wall and fence are appropriate in design and material and comply with the *Design Guidelines*. However, Staff notes that the *Design Guidelines* (Fences - Page 3) call for wood fences to be stained or painted and thus recommends that this be included as a condition of the approval.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the fence be stained or painted.

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.