

Docket Item # 19
BAR CASE #'s 2006-0174

BAR Meeting
September 6, 2006

ISSUE: Front entry canopy
APPLICANT: Mable Wood by Anthony Baker
LOCATION: 518 South Pitt 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 front entryway at the residential property at 518 South Pitt Street. The new entry canopy will replace the existing fixed metal awning. The new entry canopy will have a triangular pediment with asphalt shingles installed on two corner posts of composite material. A new wood railing with pickets at 4" o.c. will be installed around the stoop. No colors have been specified.

II. HISTORY:

518 South Pitt Street is a two story brick townhouse that was constructed in 1958. It was approved 6/11/1958 by the Board for Henry Huhn, Jr.

Staff has not located any Board action with respect to the existing fixed metal awning.

III. ANALYSIS:

Proposed replacement front entry canopy complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed replacement entry canopy. Staff believes that the design provides a modicum of visual interest to an otherwise unadorned freestanding brick townhouse. Staff also has no objection to the use of synthetic materials which are appropriate to a late 20th century house. Staff notes that the Board has approved the use of composite style columns in several instances in the last few years, for example, at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 699 Prince Street, at Demaines Funeral Home at 520 South Washington Street and at Balducci's at 700 South Washington Street.

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 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-2 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 Construction permits are required for this project. Plans shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the construction as well as layouts and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments were received.