

Docket Item # 22
BAR CASE #'s 2006-0184, 0185 &
0186

BAR Meeting
September 6, 2006

ISSUE: Replacement windows

APPLICANT: Rafat Mahmood

LOCATION: 618, 620 and 622 North Washington Street

ZONE: OC/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 replacement windows on the front of the commercial rowhouses at 618, 620 and 622 North Washington Street Avenue. The new windows are proposed to be wood with simulated divided lights to match the existing pattern.

II. HISTORY:

618, 620 and 622 North Washington Street is a two story brick commercial rowhouse that is one of a series of ten rowhouses constructed on the west side of the 600 block ca. 1910 with a general Colonial Revival design vocabulary. These rowhouses in the row have been converted from residential use to commercial or office use. They were converted to commercial use in the 1960s.

While the buildings have three separate addresses they appear visually to be a single building with a single continuous beltcourse, although the building has two separate entrances. This block of three rowhouses were combined into one building in 1963 according to information on the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

Since the early 1960s the Board has approved a series of signs for various retail tenants of this building.

III. ANALYSIS:

The window replacement complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed replacement windows. While simulated divided lights are proposed, the muntin pattern is similar to other windows approved by the Board for early 20th century buildings. A double hung window in a multi-light pattern is a typical motif found on Colonial Revival style buildings.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

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CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F- finding

Code Enforcement:

No comments.

Historic Alexandria:

Request seems appropriate.