

Docket Item #16
BAR CASE # 2007-0087

BAR Meeting
May 16, 2007

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Bertucci's
LOCATION: 725 King Street
ZONE: KR/King Street Urban Retail

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of a new door with the condition that the door be an exterior flush metal or wood door with the upper portion consisting of glazing and the new door be approved by staff.

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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to change an exterior side door on the North Columbus Street elevation of 725 King Street. The current door is a solid metal door with a peep hole. The proposed door appears to be a metal door with a rectangular window component with interior meshing.

II. HISTORY:

725 King Street is a four-story brick building, located at the corner of King Street and North Columbus Street, constructed in 1907.

The Board approved alterations to the storefront and new signage for the current tenant Bertucci's in 1996 (BAR Case #'s 96-00096 and 96-00198).

Staff did not locate any recent Board approvals.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed door replacement complies with zoning ordinance.

According to the Design Guidelines, "exterior flush or paneled doors may be appropriate in certain limited circumstances for 20th century retail, commercial and industrial buildings."

Staff is concerned that the proposed door is not compatible or appropriate for the historic district. It is a door that is most often used as an interior door. Staff understands that the applicant is requesting a new door which functions as a service door and would like a door with a window. Staff can support a new door but the new door should be compatible to the historic building and the historic district. A door similar to the front door entrance to the restaurant would be ideal to add visual and design consistency on this corner building.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

No comments.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.