

Docket Item # 11  
BAR CASE # 2007-0103

BAR Meeting  
June 20, 2007

**ISSUE:** Addition of handicapped accessible lift and alterations

**APPLICANT:** Old Dominion Boat Club by G. Revell Michael

**LOCATION:** 1 King Street

**ZONE:** WPR/Waterfront

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

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**NOTE:** Docket item #10 must be approved before this docket item can be considered.

**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition of a handicapped accessible lift and other alterations to the Old Dominion Boat Club at 1 King Street.

**Lift**

A handicapped accessible lift will be installed on the north side of the building at the west end of the existing porch. The lift will be completely enclosed with a clear Plexiglas face and metal housing. The lift itself will be 5' in width, 9' in length and extend from the ground level to the second floor of the building.

**Alterations**

The existing metal stair will be altered to accommodate the new lift with the bottom run of the stairs rotated to a straight run and the intermediate landing eliminated. A new concrete ramp leading to the lift entry will be installed underneath the porch.

**II. HISTORY:**

The Old Dominion Boat Club was originally constructed at this location in 1923 with substantial additions in 1933 and 1967.

The current appearance of the building is considerably altered from its historic configuration and finish. Stucco now covers the original wood siding, metal stairs have replaced the original wood stairway, the building has had several additions and the formerly open second story porch on the east has been enclosed.

**III. ANALYSIS:**

The Old Dominion Boat Club is a non-conforming structure.

In the opinion of Staff, the installation of the lift and the change in the stairs will create minimal visual disruption to the north elevation of the building. Accessibility alterations are necessary for historic buildings which serve the public and the Board has approved numerous such changes in the last several years including the stair lift at the office at 411 North Washington Street, the exterior ramp at the Stabler Leadbeater Apothecary Shop and the modifications to the fenestration for the restaurant at 100 King Street. Based upon these factors, staff has no objection to the installation of this lift and recommends approval.

**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 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-2 Additions and alterations to the existing structure and/or installation and/or altering of equipment therein requires a building permit (USBC 108.1). Five sets of plans, bearing the signature and seal of a design professional registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia, must accompany the written application (USBC 109.1).
- C-3 A Construction permit will be required for the proposed project.
- C-4 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-5 Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit or land disturbance permit, a rodent abatement plan shall be submitted to Code Enforcement that will outline the steps that will taken to prevent the spread of rodents from the construction site to the surrounding community and sewers.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments were received.