

Docket Item # 14
BAR CASE# 2007-0116

BAR Meeting
August 1, 2007

ISSUE: Permit to Demolish a shed
APPLICANT: Douglas and Grace Marie Turner by Stephanie Dimond
LOCATION: 415 Wolfe Street
ZONE: RM/Residential

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

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Note: This docket item requires a roll call vote.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Permit to Demolish the freestanding pool equipment shed at the townhouse at 415 Wolfe Street. The shed is located at the east end of the property.

II. HISTORY:

The residential structure at 415 Wolfe Cameron Street is a freestanding two story brick flounder center hall plan townhouse whose nucleus dates from ca.1788 according to Ethelyn Cox in *Alexandria Street by Street* (p.199).

Because of its use, it is obvious that the shed was constructed in the late 20th century, however, there are no BAR records regarding this structure.

III. ANALYSIS:

In considering a Permit to Demolish/Capsulate, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B):

- (1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?
- (2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?
- (3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?
- (4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?
- (5) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?
- (6) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?

Because this is a late 20th century structure, it is the opinion of staff that none of the criteria are met and that the Permit to Demolish should be approved.

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 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.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

No comments were received.