

Docket Item # 12
BAR CASE # 2007-0154

BAR Meeting
September 5, 2007

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Robert Crawford
LOCATION: 524 Gibbon Street
ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

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NOTE: Docket item #11 must be approved before this item can be considered.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new rear storage shed to replace a previously existing shed at 524 Gibbon Street. Initially, the applicant and staff believed the new shed would not be visible from a public right-of-way, and thus out of the purview of the Board. However, once construction on the new shed commenced, the height of the new shed increased slightly, leading the shed to be minimally visible from South St. Asaph Street. The new shed is constructed on the same footprint as the prior shed, but taller.

While not completed, the new shed will be 9'6" tall with a slight pitched shed asphalt shingle roof, wood beaded siding, and a metal door facing the rear yard. The shed is attached to the exterior wall of the main house.

II. HISTORY:

524 Gibbon Street is a two story clapboard attached rowhouse. According the Ethelyn Cox's Historic Alexandria: Street by Street, 524 Gibbon Street, along with 526 and 528, was constructed in the mid 19th-century.

The only prior approval by the Board staff could locate for 524 Gibbon Street was an approval of imitation siding in 1953 and other alterations in 1973.

III. ANALYSIS:

In staff's opinion, the replacement shed is appropriate and only minimally visible from any public rights-of-way. Therefore, staff recommends approval as submitted.

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:

No comments.

Alexandria Archaeology:

This project has low potential for disturbing significant archaeological resources. No archaeological action required.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.