

Docket Item # 4
BAR CASE # 2007-0191

BAR Meeting
October 3, 2007

ISSUE: Signage

APPLICANT: Hank's Oyster Bar Old Town LLC by David L. Chamowitz

LOCATION: 1026 King Street

ZONE: KR/King Street Urban Retail

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 signage for the new restaurant to be located at 1026 King Street. The double-sided wood sign will be oval in shape and 24" in diameter with a blue background, black lettering, "Hank's Oyster Bar" and gray and white logo. The sign will be installed on the existing metal scroll bracket on the east side of the entry.

A wood menu board with a glass door is also installed on the east side of the entry door.

II. HISTORY:

1026 King Street is a two bay, two story brick Italianate style rowhouse and is one of a group of four, two-story Victorian style brick buildings dating from ca. 1890 that form a unified blockface and present a cohesive unit in scale and form. The central window on the first floor of the building has been altered in an unsympathetic manner, however, the remainder of the King Street façade retains considerable integrity.

The rowhouse at 1026 King Street has been in commercial use for many years and the Board has approved a number of signs at this location. Most recently, last year the Board approved a hanging sign for Bohio's Cuban Bistro (BAR Case #2006-00220, 10/18/2006) and prior to that for Speedy's Chicken Place (BAR Case #2001-0096, 5/2/2001). In 1991, the Board approved a wall sign for Egg Roll House in the same location as the current proposal (BAR Case #91-100, 5/15/1991).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed sign complies with the Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Staff believes the proposed hanging sign is appropriate. Staff also has no objection to the menu board. They are compatible with the building and surrounding district and comply with the *Design Guidelines*.

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 Construction permits are required for this project.

C-2 Projecting, hanging signs must comply with USBC [H103-H107, H112] for type of materials, maximum projection, vertical clearance below all parts of the sign, and additional loads.

C-3 A Building Permit is required for this project.

Historic Alexandria:

R-1 Approve as submitted.