

Docket Item # 5
BAR CASE # 2007-0196

BAR Meeting
October 3, 2007

ISSUE: Signage
APPLICANT: Tara Leegan
LOCATION: 106 ½ North Columbus Street
ZONE: CD/Commercial

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 a sign for the new business, The Little Monogram Shop, located at 106 ½ North Columbus Street. The double sided wood composite hanging sign will be attached to an existing scroll bracket. The 2.5 square foot sign has a green background, with black and white lettering and a black, blue, and white colored business logo.

II. HISTORY:

106 1/2 North Columbus Street is a two story brick building likely originally constructed for residential purposes but now used for retail. The building probably dates from the early 20th century.

The Board approved a hanging sign for Robin Hood's Thrift in 1994 (BAR Case #94-14, 1/19/94).

III. ANALYSIS:

The subject property is zoned CD, Commercial Downtown. Per Sanborn map, the building frontage facing North Columbus Street is approximately 10 feet. The maximum sign area is 10 square feet. The proposed sign complies with Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Staff believes that the proposed sign meets the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines* for signs.

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 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- 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.
- C-4 A Sign Permit is required for the proposed project.

Historic Alexandria:

- R-1 Approve as submitted.