

Docket Item # 17
BAR CASE # 2007-0226

BAR Meeting
November 14, 2007

ISSUE: Addition of handicapped accessible lift and alterations

APPLICANT: Old Dominion Boat Club

LOCATION: 1 King Street

ZONE: WPR/Waterfront

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 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 near the west end of the building. The lift will be completely enclosed with a clear Plexiglas face and white aluminum 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.

The lift will be mounted to the side of the building and entry will be gained through the enlargement of a current window opening.

Alteration

A new concrete walk will be installed in the grassy area on the north side of the building to provide access to the lift.

II. HISTORY:

The Old Dominion Boat Club was relocated and 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.

The Board originally approved the installation of a similar lift on the north side at the porch on the east end of the building last June (BAR Casen#2007-00103, 6/20/1007), but because of technical constraints regarding the lift the applicant determined that an alternate location for the lift was necessary.

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).

Historic Alexandria: