

Docket Item # 6
BAR CASE #2008-0017

BAR Meeting
March 5, 2008

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Christine Leonard
LOCATION: 415 South Pitt Street
ZONE: RM/Residential

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

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a gazebo at 415 South Pitt Street. The gazebo will be located on an existing limestone patio west of the existing house. It will be constructed of wood with a copper roof and have Chippendale style railings. The building will measure roughly 12' by 12' and be 14'3" high.

II. HISTORY:

The nucleus of the house at 415 South Pitt Street was built as a one story frame flounder in 1797-1798, although there have been numerous alterations and additions in the 19th and 20th centuries. More recently, the Board has approved a number of projects at the property, including an attic addition, rear addition and alterations on October 4, 2000 (BAR Case #2000-0124 & 0125), and replacement windows on July 18, 2001 (BAR Case #2001-0148).

III: ANALYSIS

The proposed alterations comply with the Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed gazebo. The gazebo uses historically appropriate materials which complement the main house as recommended in the *Design Guidelines* for accessory structures. While the structure will not be visible from South Pitt Street, the top of the gazebo may be visible from Wilkes Street when looking down the north-south alley which terminates at the owners property. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the application 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:

C-1 A building permit is required for the proposed project.

C-2 Permission from adjacent property owners is required if access to the adjacent properties is required to complete the proposed construction. Otherwise, a plan shall be submitted to demonstrate the construction techniques utilized to keep construction solely on the referenced property.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.