

Docket Item # 13
BAR CASE #2008-0045

BAR Meeting
April 16, 2008

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Julia Woodbury
LOCATION: 706 Avon Place
ZONE: RB/Residential

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 fence at 706 Avon Place. The proposed fence will enclose the rear yard and will be constructed above an existing 2' brick wall along the shared west property line. Along the east side of the property the fence will be a full 6' in height and approximately 21' in length. Along the rear of the property the 17' fence will be constructed above the existing 2' wall and will incorporate a new 6' gate to replace the existing gate. The height of the new fence, including when it is constructed above the brick wall, will be no greater than 6'. The fence will have a board-and-batten style with a horizontal board top and will be stained a light pine color.

II. HISTORY:

The stone and brick rowhouse at 706 Avon Place dates from circa 1939 and was constructed as part of a development known as Fagelson's Addition. There is no record of prior BAR reviews for this property.

III: ANALYSIS

The proposed alterations comply with the zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed fence, which will be visible from many locations, including the rear alley behind the townhouse, Michigan Avenue, West Abingdon Drive and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The proposed fence is consistent with the location of the other fences/walls on the rest of the alley and is appropriate in design and scale to the townhouse, as recommended in the *Design Guidelines*. Because the fence will be visible from the George Washington Memorial Parkway, the Board is particularly concerned that it is compatible with the memorial nature of the Parkway. Staff believes that not only is the fence compatible with the character of the Parkway, but it will be an attractive addition to the rather utilitarian alley behind 708 Avon Place.

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 received.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

R-1 Approve.

S-1 Paint or stain wood fence.