

Docket Item #3
BAR CASE #2007-0270

BAR Meeting
May 7, 2008

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Elizabeth Lee
LOCATION: 802 Green Street
ZONE: RM/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 metal railing adjacent to the lower steps leading up to 802 Green Street. The applicant is reconstructing the steps and must install a railing to comply with building code requirements. The simple black railing will measure approximately 6' in length and roughly 3' in height. The ends of the railing will have a simple decorative swirl.

II. HISTORY:

802 Green Street is an end unit rowhouse on a corner lot at the intersection of South Columbus Street. The original rowhouse on the site was destroyed in a gas explosion in 1996. The Board approved this new brick rowhouse in 1997 (BAR Case #97-0055, 4/2/97). On December 6, 2000, the Board approved a wood picket fence for the front of this property (BAR CASE # 2000-0254). In early 2001, the Board approved a waiver of the vision clearance for the picket fence (BAR Case #2001-0013).

The original townhouse at 802 Green Street was originally constructed ca. 1945, immediately after World War II, as part of the Hunting Creek Homes subdivision. The 800 block of Green Street presently consists of a largely unaltered row of similar brick townhouses.

III. ANALYSIS

The proposed alterations comply with the Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed railing, which is necessary to comply with building code requirements. The railing is constructed of appropriate materials which complement the style of the house, as recommended in the *Design Guidelines*. 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:

No comments received.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.