

Docket Item # 5
BAR CASE # 2008-0076

BAR Meeting
June 4, 2008

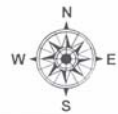
ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Joan Mabuchi
LOCATION: 209 Jefferson Street
ZONE: RM, Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the replacement door be constructed of all wood.



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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a new Jeld-Wen Fiberglass front door. The proposed door would be faux mahogany grain with a sequoia finish. The proposed door will have the same panel formation as the existing wood front door which is currently six paneled with the top two panels being made of clear insulated beveled glass. The existing jamb and trim will remain the same.

II. HISTORY:

The 3¼-story, masonry common brick, residential, semi detached townhouse at 209 Jefferson Street was constructed in 1968. There are no previous BAR cases for this property.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed door complies with the zoning ordinance.

According to the *Design Guidelines* exterior doors are prominent visual details of the main façade of a building and therefore should compliment the architecture of a structure. Furthermore the guidelines state that exterior paneled metal doors are generally not appropriate on residential structures. In staff's opinion the replacement of a wooden front door with a fiberglass front door would be inappropriate within the historic district.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the replacement door be constructed of all wood.

V. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F- finding

Code Enforcement:

No comments received.

Historic Alexandria:

Approve.

VI. IMAGES



Figure 1 Photograph of existing front door.

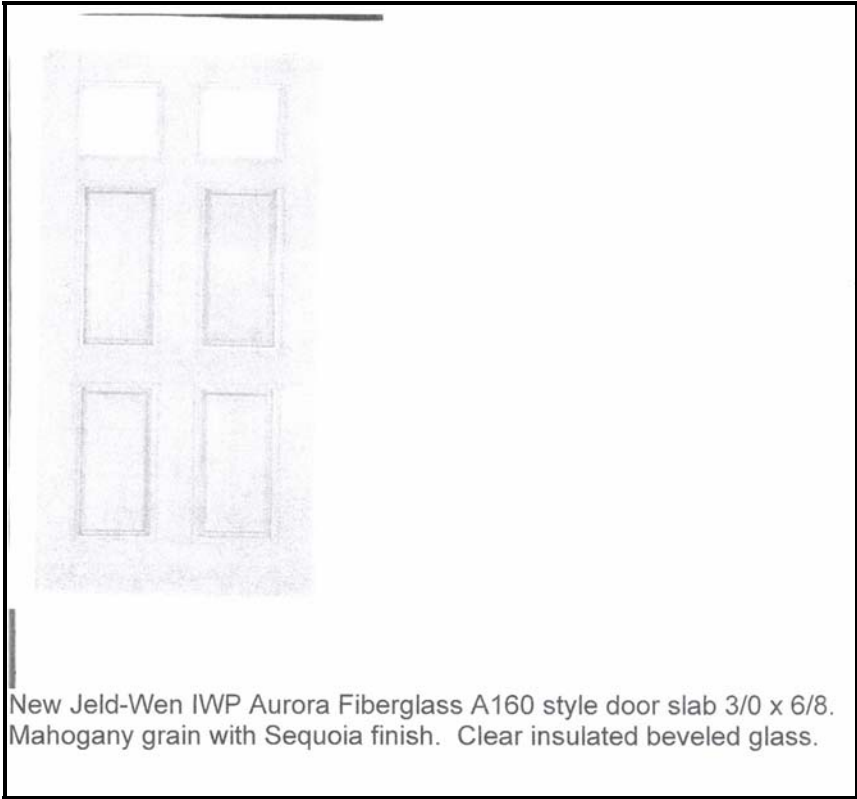


Figure 2 Specification sheet of proposed front door.

