

Docket Item # 2
BAR CASE # 2010-0185

BAR Meeting
July 21, 2010

ISSUE: Alterations - Storm Door
APPLICANT: David and Kimberly Kaplan
LOCATION: 418 Queen Street
ZONE: RM / Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

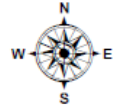
****EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE:** In accordance with Sections 10-106(B) and 10-206(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, any official Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of final approval if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.

****BUILDING PERMIT NOTE:** Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Building and Fire Code Administration (including signs). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-838-4360 for further information.



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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a single-light aluminum storm door with screen option over the existing front entry door of the dwelling located at 418 Queen Street.

The door color will be Enzian Blue to closely match the existing entry door's color. The exterior handles will be an aged bronze finish.

II. HISTORY:

The two-story, frame dwelling at 418 Queen Street was constructed ca 1854. The house form and second floor detailing is Second Empire, with the first floor fenestration details being Colonial Revival.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed door installation complies with the zoning ordinance.

The *Design Guidelines* notate that "...storm doors constitute prominent visual details of the main façade of the building" and "should be very simple and open. Extraneous and distracting detailing decoration such as cast aluminum or plastic foliage on storm door is strongly discouraged." The *Guidelines* also specify that if metal storms are to be utilized that the "frames of the doors should be anodized to match the trim color of the building. Unpainted aluminum doors are not appropriate and should be avoided." Staff finds that aluminum storm doors are a reversible, non-obtrusive product, similar to aluminum storm windows and supports their installation. Storm doors aid in the preservation of historic fabric and increase the energy efficiency of buildings in the district.

In accordance with the BAR's current practice, aluminum storm doors are not acceptable for staff level administrative approval but given the modest design and easy reversibility of a full view, single-light, aluminum storm door, as proposed by this applicant, Staff generally recommends approval and the Board typically does so without discussion. Therefore, Staff will recommend that administrative approval be considered for aluminum storm doors that comply with the *Design Guidelines* in the Modern Materials Policy being drafted for their review and consideration in Fall 2010.

STAFF:

Michele Oaks, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning
Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Administration:

No comments received.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.

V. IMAGES



Figure 1. Photo of #397 full view storm door