

Docket Item# 3  
BAR CASE# 2005-00123

BAR Meeting  
June 22, 2005

**ISSUE:** Pergola  
**APPLICANT:** H. Daniel Thompson  
**LOCATION:** 223 North West Street  
**ZONE:** RB/Residential;

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**\*\*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 issuance 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 the Code Enforcement Bureau (including signs). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Enforcement, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-838-4360 for further information.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a pergola in the rear yard of the residential property at 223 North West Street. The pergola will be wood and approximately 8' square with an overall height of 10'. It will have turned columns as vertical supports and 2x6 rafters. The pergola will be constructed from a manufactured kit of parts.

**II. HISTORY:**

The two story frame house 223 North West Street appears to pre-date 1877. It is present on the G.M. Hopkins map of that year. The Victorian era house has been subject to alterations over the years, but retains its basic massing, fenestration and some detailing, such as its bracketed cornice.

In 2001, the Board approved a new front entry door for this property (BAR Case #2001-229, 9/26/01).

**III. ANALYSIS:**

The proposed pergola complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

As noted above, the new pergola will be located in the rear yard and will have only minimal visibility from the alley at the rear of the property. Staff has no objection to the proposed pergola which is similar to a number of other pergolas that have been approved in the historic district in recent years. The overall aesthetic of the pergola has a Victorian character which is appropriate to the period of construction of the house.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Therefore, 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 construction permit is required for the proposed project.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.