

Docket Item #4  
BAR CASE #2006-0226

BAR Meeting  
October 25, 2006

**ISSUE:** Alterations  
**APPLICANT:** Boys and Girls Club by Stephanie Dimond  
**LOCATION:** 401 North Payne  
**ZONE:** RM/Residential

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of replacement windows with the existing muntin pattern in either wood or aluminum clad exteriors.

**\*\*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.

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**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the freestanding institutional building at 401 North Payne Street. All of the existing windows are proposed to be replaced with new simulated divided light Loewen brand windows with the same muntin configuration as exists. The proposed windows will be painted white.

**II. HISTORY:**

The two-story on a raised basement, brick-faced, steel frame and concrete block structure at 401 North Payne Street was designed and constructed by Dr. Robert South Barrett, Jr. in 1936 as the Alexandria Boys' Club. It has an overall Colonial Revival design vocabulary with a center hall entrance, brick quoining at the corners, multi-pane windows and gable roof. Dr. Barrett was the son of Dr. Robert South Barrett, a prominent minister, and Katherine Waller Barrett, a noted philanthropist and social worker. The younger Barrett was also noted for his philanthropy. In addition to other institutional projects and foundations he sponsored, the Boys' Club was a gift to the community, as was the Queen Street library he built to honor his mother. Dr. Barrett was vice president of the Alexandria Investment Corporation, editor of the *Alexandria Gazette* from 1911-1916, and a high-ranking Mason. In 1909, he organized the Memorial Association which was responsible for the creation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The existing windows appear to be original to the 1936 structure. In 1955 the gymnasium roof at the rear was reconstructed. The gable roof was replaced with a flat roof and the exterior I-beam supports added on the north and south sides (Building Permit #12416, Oct. 3, 1955).

The Board approved the steel case attached exterior stairway in 2001 (BAR Case #2001-0302, 12/19/01).

**III. ANALYSIS:**

The proposed alterations comply with the zoning ordinance.

Generally, Staff has no objection to replacement windows. The proposed windows are consistent with the Colonial Revival vocabulary of the building. Because this is an institutional building, Staff would also have no objection if the replacement windows were aluminum clad. This is consistent with the treatment of other Colonial Revival style institutional buildings in the historic districts.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

No comments.

Historic Alexandria:

Request seems appropriate.