

Docket Item # 6
BAR CASE # 2009-0234

BAR Meeting
October 28, 2009

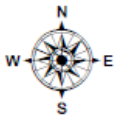
ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Daniel K. Cushing
LOCATION: 913 Oronoco Street
ZONE: RM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the fence be either painted to stained.

****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 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.



BAR CASE #2009-0233, 0234 10/28/2009 

Note: The Permit to Demolish/Encapsulate, BAR Case #2009-0233, must be approved before this item may be considered.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a new fence that will span 35 feet along the north property line of 913 Oronoco Street abutting 510 North Alfred Street. The proposed fence will be constructed of board on board pressure treated wood and stand six feet tall. The proposed fence will replace an existing non-historic concrete block wall that is in a state of disrepair and posing a safety hazard.

II. HISTORY:

913 Oronoco Street is a unit in a complex constructed at the corner of Oronoco and North Alfred Street circa 1978.

The only prior BAR case for this property was heard before the Parker Gray Board on September 26th of 2007, at which time the Board approved after-the-fact replacement windows.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed alterations comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements.

According to the *Design Guidelines*, “fences, garden walls and gates should be appropriate in materials, design and scale to the period and character of the structure they surround.” In Staff’s opinion, the proposed fence is appropriate in material, design, and scale to this property and therefore staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the fence be either painted to stained.

STAFF:

Meredith Kizer, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning
Stephen Milone, Division Chief, Land Use Services, Planning & Zoning

V. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Administration:

C-1 Permission from adjacent property owners is required if access to the adjacent properties is required to complete the proposed construction. Otherwise, a plan shall be submitted to demonstrate the construction techniques utilized to keep construction solely on the referenced property.

C-2 Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit or land disturbance permit, a rodent abatement plan shall be submitted to Code Enforcement that will outline the steps that will taken to prevent the spread of rodents from the construction site to the surrounding community and sewers.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.

VI. IMAGES

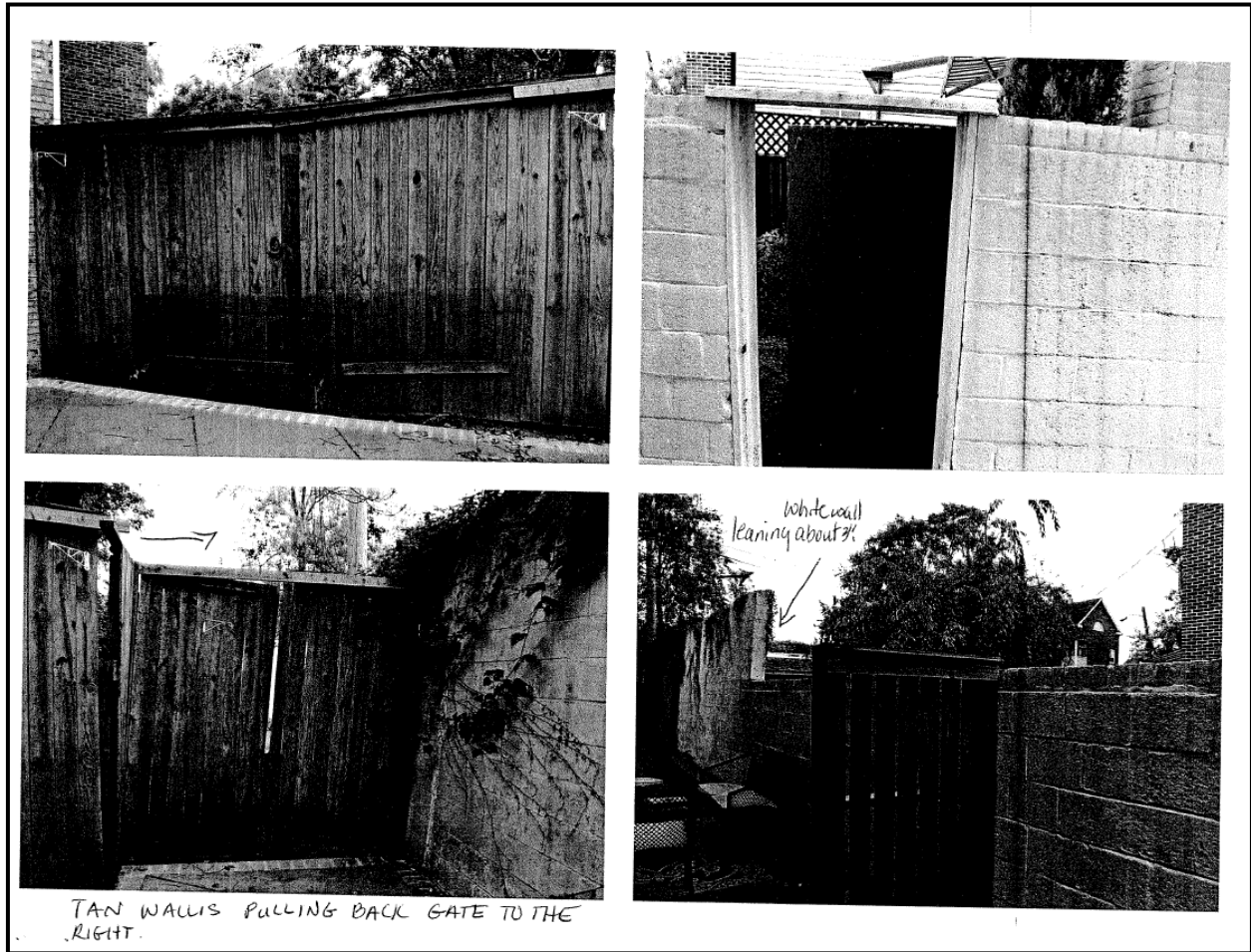


Figure 1. Photograph of existing wall and gate.

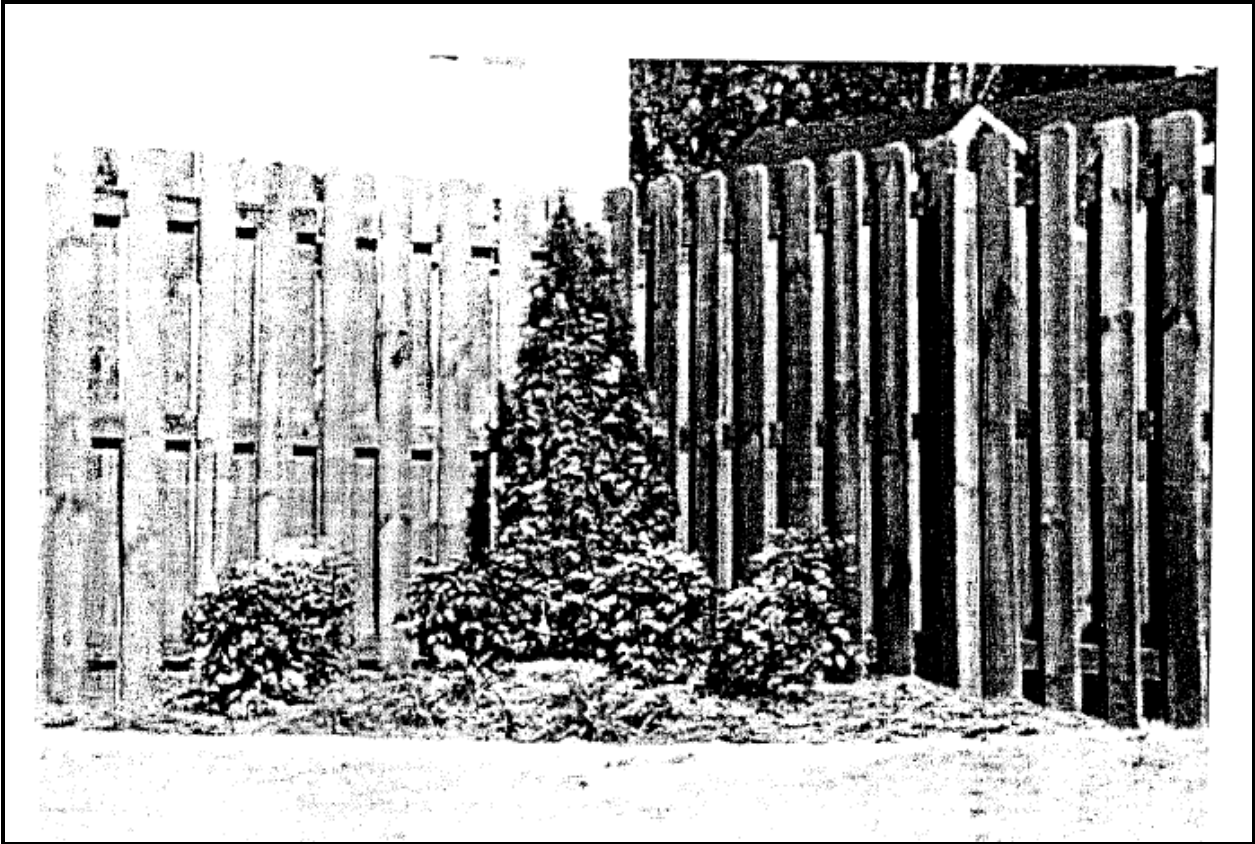


Figure 2. Design of proposed fence.