**ISSUE:** Certificate of Appropriateness

**APPLICANT:** Old Presbyterian Meeting House

**LOCATION:** Old and Historic Alexandria District

419 South Royal Street

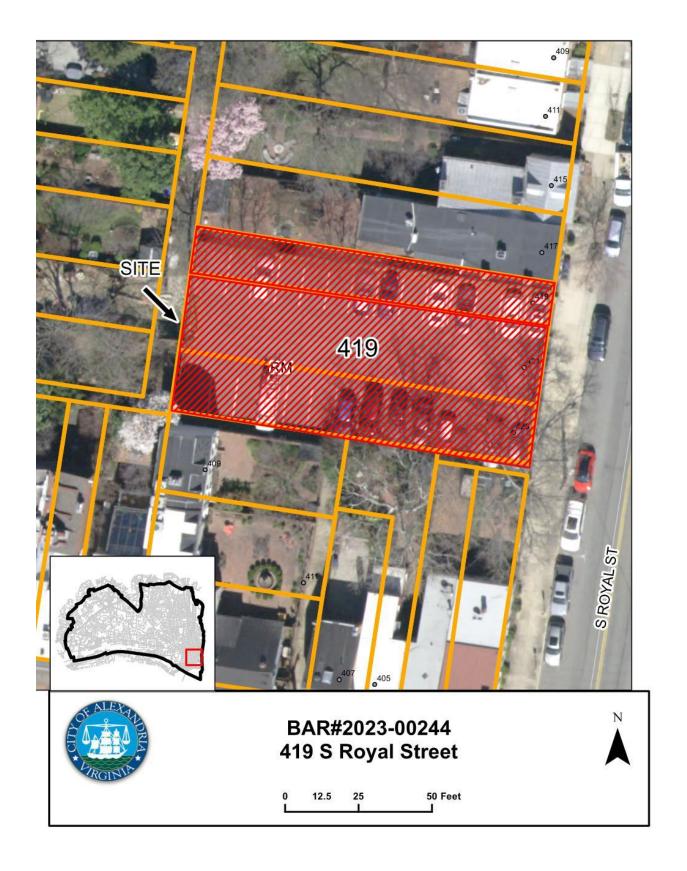
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## **UPDATE**

At the June 3, 2020 hearing the BAR approved the installation of two new light fixtures, one on the west side of the parking lot and one on the north side (BAR2020-00101). Both have been installed. There was some ambiguity as to the exact approved location of the north light, but because the installed location of this pole does not match the location approved in the building permit (BLDC2021-01149), the applicant is returning to the BAR for approval of the light in its current location. The applicant is also proposing some changes to the light to reduce its impact on neighboring property owners. Staff also notes that the light on the western side of the lot will be lowered to 15 feet, as required in the prior BAR approval.

## I. APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness to approve and modify an existing light pole in the parking lot at 419 South Royal Street. The top of the existing pole is about 17 feet above grade, including the 2-foot-high concrete base. The pole will be shortened by 5 feet so the light and the top of the pole will be about 12 feet above grade. (Note: the image on page 9 of the application says the pole will be 12' above the concrete base; this is incorrect as verified by the applicant). The solar panels and battery box will be lowered to the level of the fence dividing the subject property from the parcel immediately to the north. Two bollards will be placed in front of the pole. See Figure 1 for pole location.



Figure 1: Pole location

## Site context

The subject property serves as a parking lot for the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. It is located on the west side of South Royal Street, abutting the narrow side yard of a residential townhouse to the north and the rear yards of four dwellings on Wilkes Street to the south. A private alley runs along the west side of the lot.

## **HISTORY**

The existing parking lot consists of three lots, 419, 421, and 425 South Royal Street. Sanborn Maps from 1885 through 1921show frame dwellings in this location. By 1921, the frame dwellings are gone but there is a small frame "ice service station" at the northeast corner of the property and a frame structure labeled as "Pressing" at the southeast corner. The 1941 map shows the ice station is gone and "pressing" is now two dwellings. Old Presbyterian Meeting House purchased the property in 1942. The 1959 Sanborn Map shows that the buildings are gone, and the property is a parking lot.

Previous BAR Approvals

BAR2002-00307 – Nov 19, 2022: approval for parking lot screening BAR2015-00383 – Dec 9, 2015: replacement of fence BAR2020-00101 – Jun 3, 2020: approval to replace two non-functioning light poles with two new solar powered poles

## III. ANALYSIS

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The lighting section of the *Design Guidelines* mostly focuses on lighting attached to buildings within the historic districts. However, the *Guidelines* do state that "Lighting should be aimed so that it does not reflect into residential buildings or areas." The applicant's proposed changes specifically address that issue. After the northern light was installed, it was determined that this light negatively affects a neighboring property. To minimize that effect, the applicant proposes shortening the light and moving the solar panels and battery. The *Design Guidelines* also state that "The above grade elements of a parking garage or lot, such as…lighting…should not detract from the architectural character of the surrounding buildings…" This minimalist pole does not detract from the surrounding buildings; instead, it is barely noticeable while fulfilling an important safety role. Staff appreciates that the applicant seeks to minimize any negative effects to neighboring properties.

Staff therefore recommends approval of the project as submitted.

## **STAFF**

Susan Hellman, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Tony LaColla, AICP, Land Use Services Division Chief, Planning & Zoning

## II. <u>CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>

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

## **Zoning**

C-1 Proposed light pole will comply with zoning.

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## **Code Administration**

F-1 No comment

# <u>Transportation and Environmental Services</u> No comments received.

Alexandria Archaeology F-1 No archaeology co No archaeology comments.

#### **ATTACHMENTS** V.

- $1-Application\ Materials$
- 2 Supplemental Materials

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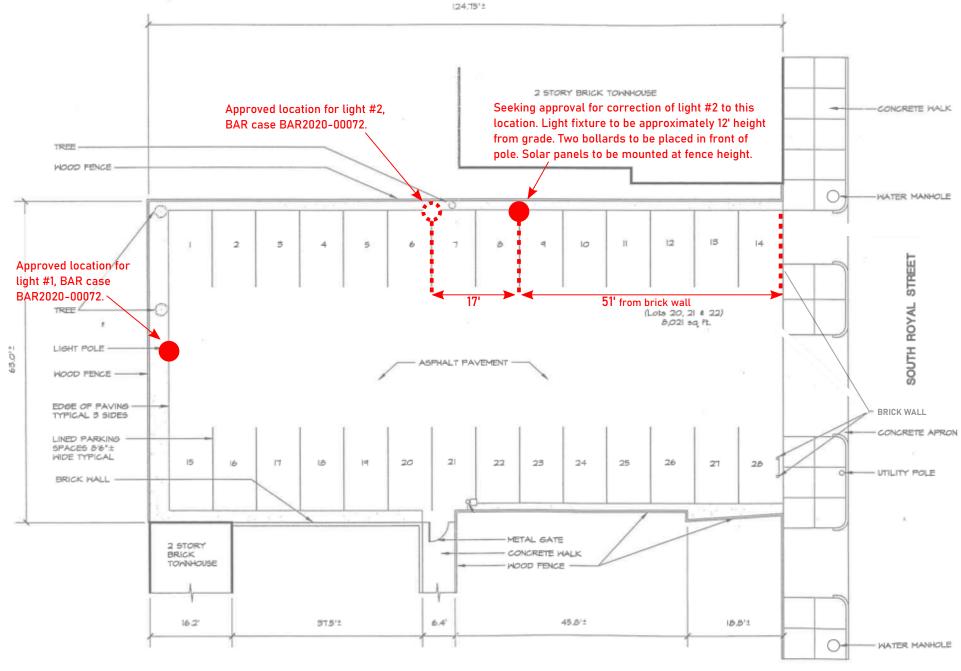
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Old Presbyterian Meeting House Parking Lot 419 S Royal St, Alexandria, VA 22314



Application Received: 6/6/2023

## Revised location for base, pole & light



Old Presbyterian Meeting House 419 S Royal St View of North side of lot, facing north



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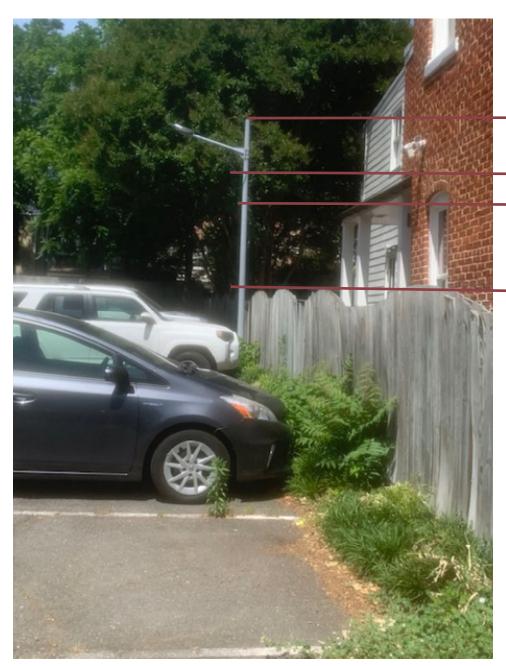
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Top of pole

3.8 feet to bottom of window

Lower top of pole by 5 feet (12' height above concrete base)

Top of fence

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Pole to be shortened to maintain mounting height of light fixture at 12' above grade, including concrete base.





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Date:10/17/2019

From: Liz Walker < <u>liz@liz-walker.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 5:09 PM

To: Susan H. Hellman < susan.hellman@alexandriava.gov >

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]BAR hearing July 6 on parking lot lighting 419 S Royal

You don't often get email from <u>liz@liz-walker.com</u>. <u>Learn why this is important</u>

Sorry to go on. but these are my points to convey to the board.

- 1. The light design is ugly by all measures, to tall to big, large solar panels, no attempt at historic design. I could not put a light that looks like that.... that can be seen by neighbors and anyone on the street, in my yard because of historic consideration, and the Church should be denied that design too. It is unfair, unequal and against historic regulations to set different standards for different property owners. That is called bias and favoritism.
- 2. The hearing date on a major holiday week is extremely inconvenient to neighbors, and extremely convenient to the Church. The neighbors that bought lisa's house and settled a week ago, no one has even seen. Their NEW house is extremely affected by this ugly light and they haven't had fair notice or opportunity to deal with it. and who knows if they are in town during a holiday week. But very good for the church if the new neighbors aren't aware or prepared. Very good for the church if the neighbors are on holiday like the rest of the country this 4th of July week.
- 3. My notice had no plan designs attached or details about where exactly the light would be placed. I am pretty sure the church is to provide that design and plan to the

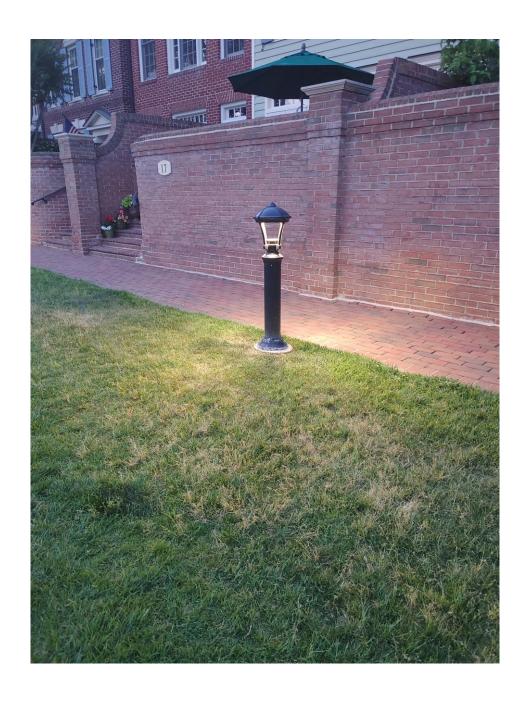
- neighbors with the notice. last time when the hearing date was changed, the church did not bother to re issue the notice. And the staff had contacted the church and had them issue. that is how the church operates.
- 4. Last hearing no one on the zoom call from my neighborhood thought the design fit the historic district. I offered a picture of a light in a complex near us that was solar, and lower, and had a colonial type design. that suggestion was ignored. it was obvious no matter what the neighbors said the BAR had decided to approve the ugly design regardless of the neighbors objections, regardless if the fit the design requirements of old town. that is not a fair hearing...it is called favoritism.
- 5. The church then without permits put up lights taller and bigger than they were approved for, and in a totally different spot. And they cut neighbors' trees without permission. no neighbor i know would do that to neighbors. The church does it, because they have the BAR's support. What the neighbors think makes no difference, the city laws and regulations make no difference. The Church has "friends" on the board. they get whatever they want without consequence. why were they allowed to keep the light up, when they didn't bother to get permits? Don't the permit rules apply to the Church?
- 6. I will be at the hearing. and i will be out of town until July 5th. I think the staff at the BAR ought to directly contact all the property owners, especially the new property owners, and make sure they had proper notice and have

- seen a copy of the light design, and details, and ask whether they intend to be at the hearing or out of town on holiday. and if the new owners are not in town, or there isn't a majority of neighbors in town the hearing should be postponed until September. If the neighbors did not receive proper notice of the design and details, the hearing should be postponed till september.
- 7. And lastly, I want to know what exception these lights qualify for under the rules of design for the historic district. There are no other lights like these in the historic old town district. what rule allows for this exception for keeping historical designs in the historic district. I can't do anything to my historic property without conforming to those design rules. I am required to get permits. How can the church's ugly light design fit those rules? How was the church allowed to put up these structures without permits? I hope someone from the city attorney's office is present to explain the ability of the BAR to make these exceptions for the church. I really would like to know why the church does not have to follow the same rules as the other neighbors that live in the historic district.

Thanks for listening to my complaints, but the favoritism the Church receives from the BAR is apparent. They get what they want. These are the ugliest lights in town. They fit no historic standards. And no one other than the church would have a structure of that design approved that could be seen from the street in old town. And a hearing a few days after the new owners took possession of the house most affected is

outrageous. A large "for sale" sign has been up for a while on that house. and anyone searching zillow would know a contract was pending and when the sale closed. This was a very fortunate circumstance for the church to get a hearing so fast. very fortunate and no coincidence. and naive to think the church didn't want the hearing as soon as possible. Please pass these comments to the Board, so hopefully my questions can be answered at the hearing, that is no doubt destined to approve the ugliest light design in the old town historic district.

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## **BOARD ACTION: Approved, as Amended, 7-0**

On a motion by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Ms. Sennott, the Board of Architectural Review voted to approve BAR #2020-00101, as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. The intensity of the light is to be reviewed by staff at night in the field to ensure the compatibility of illumination with surrounding residences.
- 2. Work with staff to find the shortest pole height that will provide the necessary illumination, without adding more poles, that complies with Code requirements.

## **REASON**

In general, the Board agreed with staff recommendations, but found that more research is required to establish the minimum pole height that will supply the required light level.

## **SPEAKERS**

Mr. Aaron Siirila, Old Presbyterian Meeting House Director of Operations, and Mr. Thomas Moser, member of the Facility Committee, were available to answer questions. Mr. Moser explained that the existing poles lost power a year and a half ago and no one was able to find the power source, thus, they decided to replace them with solar powered poles which won't require cabling. Mr. Moser also said that they are working with the adjacent property owner at 417 North Royal Street to make sure the illumination of the pole is less intrusive. The proposed light fixture has a LED down light that diffuses less than a regular light, thus reducing light spill.

Elizabeth Walker, resident at 405 Wilkes Street, said that the previous lighting on the parking lot was too bright and that she is pleased with the solar powered option. However, she finds the proposed pole height inappropriate. She showed an example of a shorter pole which she thinks would work better at the location and interfere less with adjacent properties.

Kevin Coyne, resident at 418 South Pitt Street, thanked church personnel for working with the neighbors answering their questions. He found that the proposed pole battery enclosure is not aesthetically pleasing, and that the solar equipment could be less accentuated.

J. J. Smith, resident at 401 Wilkes Street, stated that he never really had a problem with the parking lot illumination, but would like to see shorter poles with directed light instead.

#### DISCUSSION

Mr. Moser clarified that the proposed poles are the same height as the existing, 15 feet, the light fixture will be adjustable and dark sky certified. He also clarified that the size of the solar panels is directly related to the number of hours of light provided.

Mr. Spencer stated that the amount of illumination in a parking lot is regulated by code and the reduction in pole height will require adding more poles.

Ms. Roberts suggested that the applicant work with staff to find the shortest pole that complies with the code requirements without adding new poles. The suggestion progressed to a motion and was approved unanimously.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations with the condition that the intensity of the light is to be reviewed by staff at night in the field to ensure the compatibility of the illumination with the surrounding residences.

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## I. <u>APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL</u>

The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace two existing, non-functioning, parking light poles with two new solar powered poles, at 419 South Royal Street.

## Certificate of Appropriateness

The project calls for the replacement of two non-functioning 15.5' high light poles in the parking lot, one at the same location on the west end of the parking lot and the other to be moved from the south side to the north side as shown in the Figure 1 below. The new steel galvanized SL12 Solar Led Street/Parking Lot light poles are 15' in height with arm and solar panel attached. The directional light can be controlled to avoid over illuminating nearby residences.



Figure 1-Parking lot

## Site context

The subject property is located on the west side of the 400 block of South Royal Street between Wilkes and Wolfe streets. The lot provides parking to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House's customers.

## II. <u>HISTORY</u>

The existing parking lot consists of three lots, 419, 421, and 425 South Royal Street. The Sanborn Map of 1885 shows two semi-detached dwellings on 421 and 425, 419 was an empty lot. However, the Sanborn Map of 1912 shows two structures with smaller footprints on lots 419 and 421; 425 was pictured as an empty lot. Then, in the 1921 Sanborn map, the three lots were shown vacant.

Previous BAR Approvals

BAR Case # 2002-00307 – approval for parking lot screening on 11/19/2002 BAR Case # 2015-00383 – replacement of fence on 12/9/2015

## III. ANALYSIS

## Certificate of Appropriateness

The *Design Guidelines* state that: "Exterior lighting can be much more than mere passive illumination. Exterior lighting can be an architectural element in and of itself. Exterior lighting can be used to create special effects and to accentuate architectural and landscape elements of a property. Lighting can create different special effects and call attention to different components of a property." Furthermore, the *Guidelines* recommend that "lighting should be aimed so that it does not reflect into residential buildings or areas."

Staff has no objection to the design of the proposed lighting poles since they are simple and have the same height as the existing. Staff recognizes the importance of an illuminated parking lot for safety reasons and find the proposed poles appropriate for a parking lot. However, staff has concerns about the adjacent residences that will be affected by these new lighting poles, especially the property at 417 South Royal Street. The photometric plans presented by the applicant show that this adjacent property to the north will be directly affected. Although the direction of the light can be controlled, staff recommends that staff review the intensity of the light at night in the field to ensure the compatibility of the illumination with the surrounding residences.

Therefore, with the condition discussed above, staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations.

## **STAFF**

Marina Novaes, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Tony LaColla, AICP, Land Use Services Division Chief, Planning & Zoning

## IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

## **Zoning**

F-1 The existing parking lot is legal noncomplying use in the parking lot.

- F-2 The existing poles are 15.5' and the proposed poles are 15'. They are replacements and not an intensification.
- F-3 Section 13-1-3 of the City Code addresses night illumination for commercial and residential properties. The proposed light poles must comply with this section.

## **Code Administration**

No comment for light pole replacement

## **Transportation and Environmental Services**

- R-1 The building permit must be approved and issued prior to the issuance of any permit for demolition, if a separate demolition permit is required. (T&ES)
- R-2 Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)
- R-3 No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T&ES)
- F-1 After review of the information provided, an approved grading plan is not required at this time, however, a minor amendment to the site plan will be required. Please note that if any changes are made to the plan it is suggested that T&ES be included in the review. (T&ES)
- F-2 If the alley located at the rear of the parcel is to be used at any point of the construction process the following will be required:
  - <u>For a Public Alley The applicant shall contact T&ES, Construction Permitting & Inspections at (703) 746-4035 to discuss any permits and accommodation requirements that will be required.</u>
  - <u>For a Private Alley</u> The applicant must provide proof, in the form of an affidavit at a minimum, from owner of the alley granting permission of use. (T&ES)
- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). (T&ES)
- C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-3 All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T&ES)
- C-4 Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)

All improvements to the city right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, C-5 etc. must be city standard design. (Sec. 5-2-1) (T&ES)

Alexandria Archaeology
No archaeological oversight necessary for this project

#### **ATTACHMENTS** V.

- 1 Supplemental Materials
- 2 Application for BAR 2020-00101: 419 South Royal Street

ADDRESS OF PROJECT:				
DISTRICT: ☐ Old & Historic Alexandria ☐ Parker – Gray ☐ 100 Year Old Building				
TAX MAP AND PARCEL:ZONING:				
APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)				
☐ CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS				
PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH (Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/impacted)				
□ WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or YARD REQUIREMENTS IN A VISION CLEARANCE AREA (Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)				
WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT (Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)				
Applicant: Property Owner Business (Please provide business name & contact person)				
Name:				
Address:				
City: State: Zip:				
Phone: E-mail :				
Authorized Agent (if applicable): Attorney Architect				
Name: Phone:				
E-mail:				
Legal Property Owner:				
Name:				
Address:				
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Phone: E-mail:				
Yes No Is there an historic preservation easement on this property? Yes No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the proposed alterations? Yes No Is there a homeowner's association for this property? Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association approved the proposed alterations?				

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If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

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NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: Please check all that apply	
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK:</b> Please describe the be attached).	proposed work in detail (Additional pages may
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:	
Items listed below comprise the <b>minimum supporting material</b> request additional information during application review. Please <i>Design Guidelines</i> for further information on appropriate treatments	refer to the relevant section of the
Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. In docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submissi	complete applications will delay the are required for all proposed additions.
<b>Demolition/Encapsulation :</b> All applicants requesting 25 square must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does no	
N/A  Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition  Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements  Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the but to be demolished.  Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.  Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation considered feasible.	proposed for demolition/encapsulation. uilding if the entire structure is proposed

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Additions & New Construction: Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

	<u>N/A</u>	
		Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted equipment.
		FAR & Open Space calculation form.  Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
		Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.  Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to
ш		adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
		Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
		Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
		For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.
illur	ninat	<b>&amp; Awnings:</b> One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless ed. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does y to your project.
	N/A	Linear feet of building: Front:Secondary front (if corner lot):  Square feet of existing signs to remain:  Photograph of building showing existing conditions.  Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text.  Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk).  Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable).  Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.
Alt	erat	tions: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.
	N/A	Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations, all sides of the building and any pertinent details.
		Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
		Drawings accurately representing the changes to the proposed structure, including materials and overall dimensions. Drawings must be to scale.
		An official survey plat showing the proposed locations of HVAC units, fences, and sheds. Historic elevations or photographs should accompany any request to return a structure to an earlier appearance.

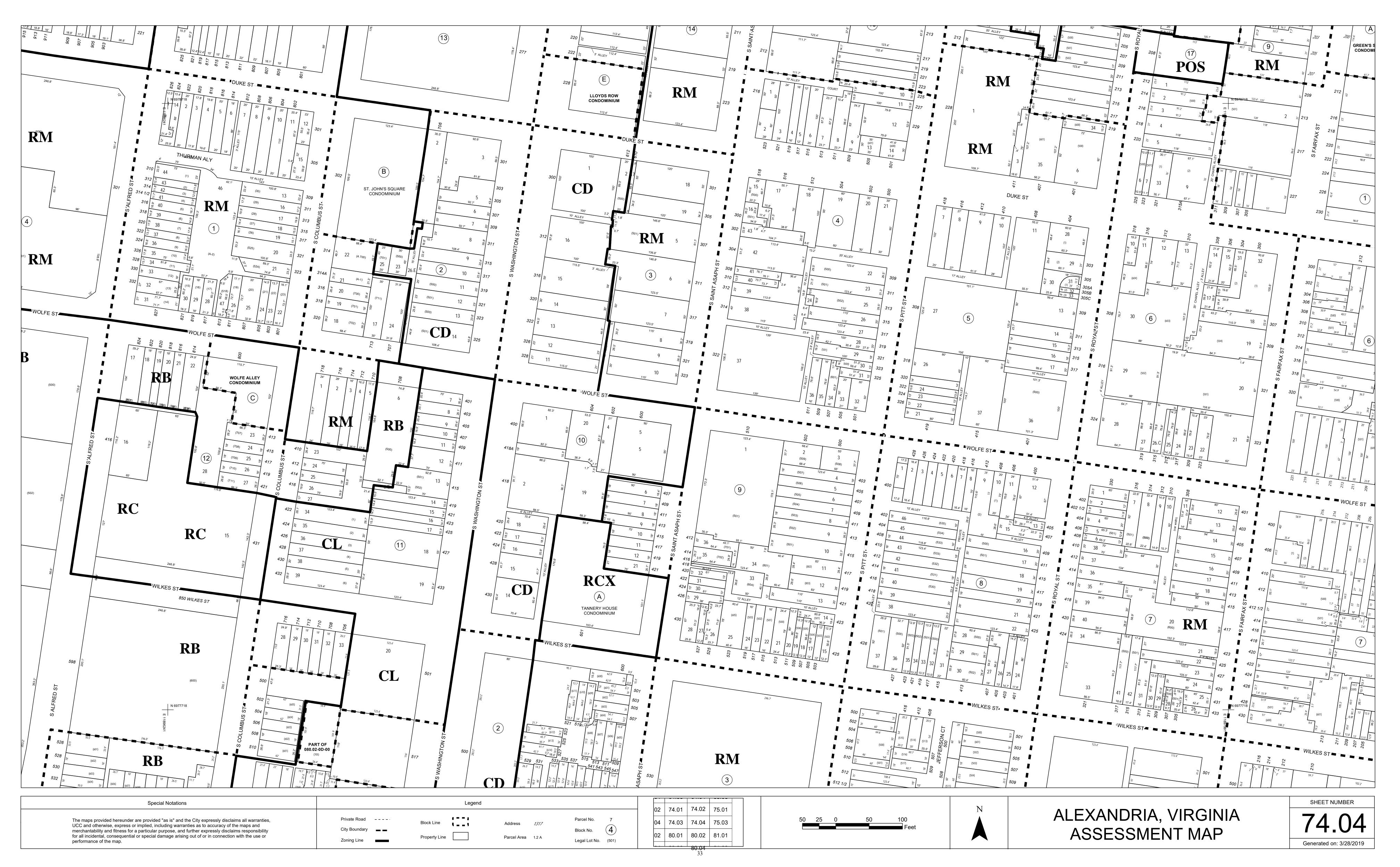
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ALL APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:					
X	I have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)				
	I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.				
	I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.				
	I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and revised materials.				
The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.					
APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:					
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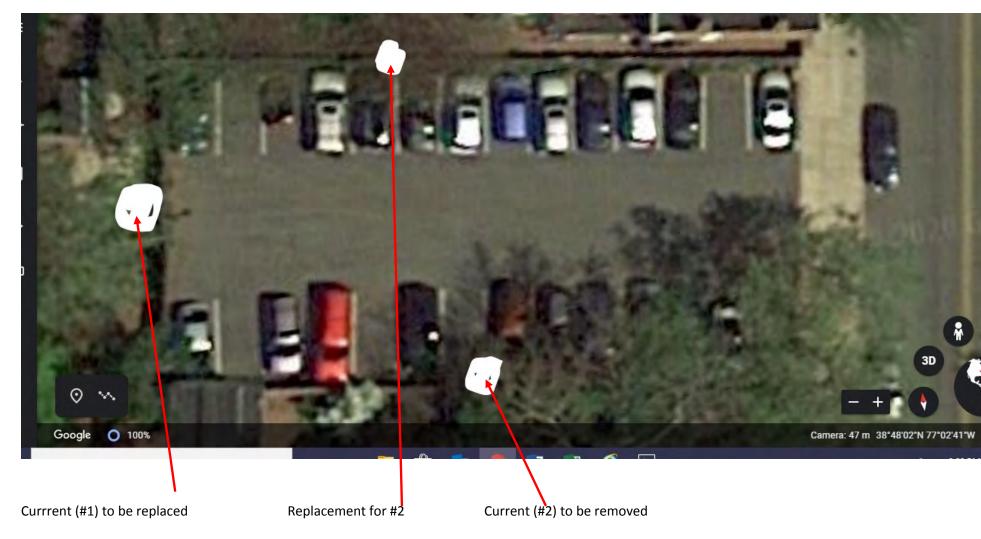
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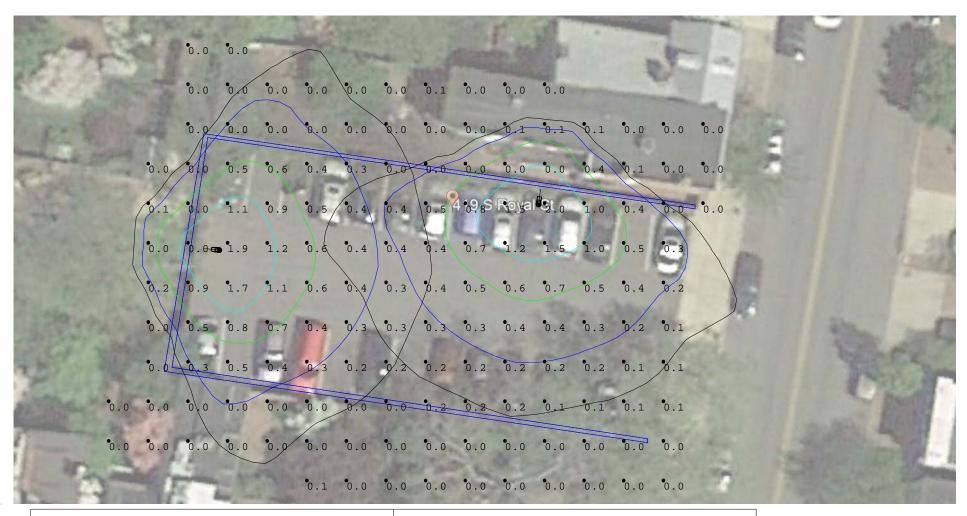
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Current and replacement West side pole



Current and to be removed south side pole



Approximate new North side pole location



Light pattern from city street light

### Hi Lia Niebauer,

elizabeth Walker (liz@liz-walker.com) has registered for "06/03/2020 - Board of Architectural Review - Public Hearing" on: Jun 3, 2020 6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

First Name: elizabeth Last Name: Walker

Email: liz@liz-walker.com Address: 405 Wilkes Street

City: Alexandria

Zip/Postal Code: 22314 State/Province: VA Phone: 7035976284

Questions & Comments: Design is not appropriate for historic old town area, it is ugly unattractive solar panels and too tall, if any light it should be placed below fence line, and not close to abutting properties. And other neighboring parking lots on S. Royal and S. Fairfax owned by the Catholic church do not have lighting, and we do not think lighting that affects other property owners is necessary in this smaller lot. Owners around parking lot did not receive notice of the re scheduled hearing. and Notice initially received was altered to not provide city contact information. We surveyed owners and no owner abutting lot received notice of june 3 hearing. We believe this was intentional to avoid comments from neighbors impacted by unattractive lighting designed.

Case Number: 2020-00101

Nature of your interest in item (property owner, attorney, civic interest, etc.): property owner

Docket Item Number: 3

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