ISSUE:	Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations
APPLICANT:	City of Alexandria
LOCATION:	Old and Historic Alexandria District 1 Pioneer Mill Way
ZONE:	W-1/Waterfront mixed use zone

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations as submitted.

GENERAL NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

- 1. APPEAL OF DECISION: In accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, if the Board of Architectural Review denies or approves an application in whole or in part, the applicant or opponent may appeal the Board's decision to City Council on or before 14 days after the decision of the Board.
- 2. COMPLIANCE WITH BAR POLICIES: All materials must comply with the BAR's adopted policies unless otherwise specifically approved.
- 3. BUILDING PERMITS: Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Department of Code Administration (<u>including signs</u>). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-746-4200 for further information.
- 4. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS AND PERMITS TO DEMOLISH: Applicants must obtain a copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Demolish PRIOR to applying for a building permit. Contact BAR Staff, Room 2100, City Hall, 703-746-3833, or preservation@alexandriava.gov for further information.
- 5. EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE: In accordance with Sections 10-106(B), 10-206(B) and 10-307 of the Zoning Ordinance, any 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.
- HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDITS: Applicants performing extensive, certified rehabilitations of historic properties may separately be eligible for state and/or federal tax credits. Consult with the <u>Virginia</u> <u>Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)</u> prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.



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

The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to install a metal cable safety railing along all sides of the pier except for the promenade and the eastern edge which will remain open to allow docking, at 1 Pioneer Mill Way (Figure 1).



Figure 1 - 1 Pioneer Mill Way pier

Site context

The subject site is a pier on the Potomac River across from the Robinson Landing development.

II. <u>HISTORY</u>

1 Pioneer Mill Way pier is located at Alexandria Waterfront promenade across from the Robinson Landing complex. The waterfront landscape was approved by the BAR on October 7, 2015 (BAR2015-00189/00190) as part of the Robinson Landing development.

Previous BAR Approvals

There are no previous BAR approvals for this address, however railings, with the same design, on the northern side of the pier were approved by the BAR on July 7, 2021 (BAR2021-00310) under the address 314 Strand Street.

III. <u>ANALYSIS</u>

Staff has no objections to the proposed railing since it is compatible with the Alexandria Waterfront Common Elements Design Guidelines approved in 2015 (Figure 2). Furthermore, the same design railing was previously approved on the northern end of the pier as part of the Barca Restaurant (Figure 3 and 4).



Figure 2 - Waterfront Common Elements Design Guidelines



Figure 3 and 4- Barca Restaurant railing

Therefore, staff recommends approval of the project as submitted.

STAFF

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

IV. <u>CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>

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

Zoning

F-1 No zoning comments

Code Administration

C-1 A building permit and plan review are required prior to the start of construction.

Transportation and Environmental Services

- F-1 Comply with all requirements of DSP2014-00006. (T&ES)
- F-2 The Final Site Plan must be approved and released and a copy of that plan must be attached to the demolition permit application. No demolition permit will be issued in advance of the building permit unless the Final Site Plan includes a demolition plan which clearly represents the demolished condition. (T&ES)

Alexandria Archaeology

F-1 No archaeology comments

v. **ATTACHMENTS**

1 – Application Materials 2 – Supplemental Materials

	BAR Case #		
ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 1 Pioneer Mill Way - Robinson Landing Pier			
DISTRICT: Old & Historic Alexandria District Parker – Gray TAX MAP AND PARCEL: Map #75.03	□ 100 Year Old Building ZONING:		
APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)			
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS			
PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOI (Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/imp			
WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or CLEARANCE AREA (Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordina			
WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMEN (Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)	NT		
Applicant: Property Owner Business (Please provide to the planning & Zoning) Name: Department of Planning & Zoning Address: 301 King Street, Room 2100 City: Alexandria Phone: 703.746.3815 E-mail : dirk.geratz@ and to the planning and the planni	_		
Authorized Agent (<i>if applicable</i>): Attorney	ct 🗌		
Name:	Phone:		
E-mail:			
Legal Property Owner: Name: City of Alexandria	_		
Address: 301 King Street	_		
City: <u>Alexandria</u> State: <u>VA</u> Zip: <u>2</u> Phone: 703.746.3815 E-mail:	2314		
Yes No Is there an historic preservation easement on this Yes No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the pro-	posed alterations?		
Yes No Is there a homeowner's association for this properties association for this properties. Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association approve			

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

NEW CONSTRUCTION	N			
EXTERIOR ALTERA	FION: Please check all that ap	ply.		
🗌 awning	fence, gate or garden wall		HVAC equipment	shutters
doors	☐ windows		siding	🗌 shed
🗌 lighting	pergola/trellis		painting unpainted masonry	1
other Safety railing				
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Please describe the proposed work in detail (Additional pages may be attached).

This proposal is seeking to install wire cable railing around the pier at Robinson Landing. This railing is being installed for safety purposes and will match the same wire railing design approved and installed at the northern end of the pier as part of the Barca restauant. The railing will be installed on all sides of the pier where the railing does not currently exist except for the eastern edge which will remain open as this side is intended for the docking of boats and smakl ships. The railing with be 42 inches (3.5 feet) in height with a flat top rail and vertical posts. Nine horizontal wire cables will be stretched between the posts. The posts, cab and base plate will be a brushed stainless steel. The wire cables will be a 1/4 inch stainless steel.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Items listed below comprise the **minimum supporting materials** for BAR applications. Staff may request additional information during application review. Please refer to the relevant section of the *Design Guidelines* for further information on appropriate treatments.

Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application is complete. Include all information and material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. Incomplete applications will delay the docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings are required for all proposed additions. All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submission of a completed application.

Demolition/Encapsulation : All applicants requesting 25 square feet or more of demolition/encapsulation must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

N/.

- Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation.
- Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation.
- Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished.
 - Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.
 - Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not considered feasible.

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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.

	N/A	
х		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.
х		Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if
		applicable.
		Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.
х		Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to
		adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
х		Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual
		samples may be provided or required.
х		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.

Signs & Awnings: One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless illuminated. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.



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.

Alterations: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- 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.

ALL APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:

- N/A 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.)
- х 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.
- x I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- х 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:

Date:

Signature:	D.	H. Geratz
Printed Na	me:	Dirk H. Geratz
Date: Ja	n. 06.	2022

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OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Use additional sheets if necessary

<u>1. Applicant.</u> State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. City Of Alexandria	PO BOX 178 Alexandria VA 22313	100%
2.		
3.		

<u>2.</u> <u>Property.</u> State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at ______(address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
¹ City Of Alexandria	PO BOX 178 Alexandria VA 22313	100%
2.		
3.		

3. <u>Business or Financial Relationships.</u> Each person or entity listed above (1 and 2), with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property is required to disclose **any** business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review.

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1. n/a		
2.		
3.		

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

Jan 6, 2022	Dirk H. Geratz	Dirk H. Geratz
Date	Printed Name	Signature





