Docket Item # 18 & 19 BAR CASE #2015-0274 & 0275

BAR Meeting September 16, 2015

**ISSUE:** Permit to Demolish/Capsulate and Certificate of Appropriateness (addition)

**APPLICANT:** Rebecca & Robert Sutton

**LOCATION:** 713 South Pitt Street

**ZONE:** RM / Residential

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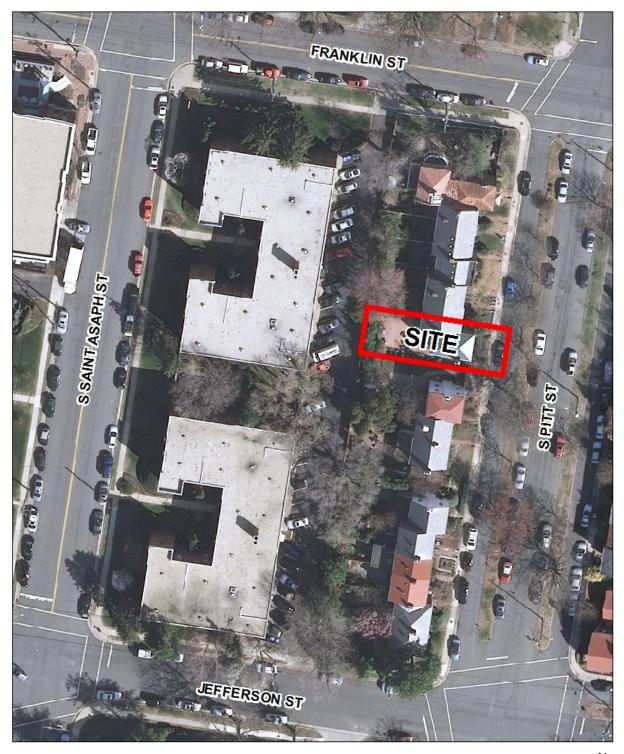
#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Permit to Demolish/Capsulate and the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions that:

- 1. The applicant may use modern materials (fiber cement siding, architectural grade asphalt shingles and aluminum clad, wood composite or fiberglass windows) on the rear addition; and,
- 2. The following Archaeology comments be included on all construction documents related to ground disturbance, so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirements:
  - a. Call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-746-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds. The language noted above shall be included on all final site plan sheets involving any ground disturbing activities.
  - b. No metal detection and/or artifact collection may be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology.

#### **GENERAL NOTES TO THE APPLICANT**

- 1. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS AND PERMITS TO DEMOLISH: Applicants must obtain a stamped 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. COMPLIANCE WITH BAR POLICIES: All materials must comply with the BAR's adopted policies unless otherwise specifically approved.
- 4. BUILDING PERMITS: 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)</u> prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits



BAR2015-00274 & BAR2015-00275



<u>Note</u>: Staff coupled the reports for BAR #2015-0274 (Permit to Demolish/Capsulate) and BAR #2015-0275 (Certificate of Appropriateness) for clarity and brevity. This item requires a roll call vote.

#### I. ISSUE

The applicant is requesting approval of a Permit to Demolish and a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a one-story rear addition at 713 South Pitt Street.

A 17.3' wide by 13' high portion of the rear wall and existing rear portico will be demolished/capsulated for the proposed rear addition.

The one-story addition will measure 18.5' long by 14' wide (259 square feet), and will be project 4'- 4" from the main block of the house. In addition, the existing open rear porch will be enclosed to allow for a slightly larger kitchen, allowing the existing basement stair to remain. The addition will be clad with brick on the east elevation where it projects beyond the south elevation of the brick house and is from South Pitt Street. All other elevations will be clad with cedar shake siding. The hipped roof will be clad with standing seam metal to match the roof on the main block. The applicant intends to install a single, multi-light four-over-four window on the south elevation and a six-over-six light on the north elevation. A full-light single door is proposed for access off of the kitchen and slider doors off of the den. The wood windows will be manufactured by Trimline and have simulated divided lights. The full light rear doors will be manufactured by Anderson (400 Series). Stoops with simple wrought iron railings will provide access to the rear yard.

#### II. HISTORY

The two story brick dwelling at 727 South Pitt Street was constructed around **1941** as part of the Yates Gardens development. In February 18, 2009, the BAR approved decorative porticos on the front and rear elevations (BAR Case #2008-0242).

#### III. ANALYSIS

The prosed addition complies with the zoning ordinance.

#### **Permit to Demolish**

In reviewing a Permit to Demolish, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 10-105(B):

- (1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?
- (2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?
- (3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?

- (4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?
- (5) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?
- (6) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?

In the opinion of Staff, while this mid-20<sup>th</sup> century townhouse is a successful background building and compatible with nearby single-family and multi-family structures, it is without individual historical interest or uncommon architectural merit and none of the criteria for demolition and encapsulation are met and the Permit to Demolish/Capsulate should be granted.

#### **Certificate of Appropriateness**

The Board routinely approves rear additions throughout the historic district, quite often in Yates Garden where the original houses are quite modest in size. The proposed addition, at only one-story in height, is a practical solution for additional ground floor living space. While most additions are located behind the main building wall, the location of an existing exterior basement stair restricts the location of the addition. Staff can support the proposed 4' offset because it helps to differentiate the new addition from the existing construction.

Staff appreciates and supports the applicant's proposal to use materials used historically – metal roofing, wood siding and wood windows. Although the choice of cedar shake siding is unusual for a Colonial Revival style house, visibility of this portion of the addition will be limited primarily to the rear alley behind the house. Staff would not object to the use of modern materials on the rear addition, including fiber cement siding, fiberglass or aluminum clad windows or architectural grade asphalt roof shingles, consistent with the Board's policies which allow for the use of modern materials on new construction. The Board recognizes that appropriate modern materials can be used for both for their longevity but also to help differentiate new construction from old construction. As with all new construction, the proposed windows should meet the Board's Window Policy.

With the conditions noted above Staff recommends approval of the application.

#### **STAFF**

Stephanie Sample, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

#### IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

#### **Code Administration**

- F-1 The following comments are for BAR only. Once the applicant has filed for a building permit and additional information has been provided, code requirements will be based upon the building permit plans and the additional information submitted. If there are any questions, the applicant may contact Charles Cooper, Plan Review Division at Charles.cooper@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4197.
- C-1 A building and trade permits are required for this project.
- C-2 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

#### Alexandria Archaeology

- F-1 Tax records indicate that a house was present on the block bounded by Franklin, S. Pitt, Jefferson, and S. St. Asaph Streets by 1830. The 1877 Hopkins insurance map shows a structure, part of the estate of Samuel Miller, in the north central part of the block. While the known structure was probably not situated on the property of 713 S. Pitt, it is possible that archaeological evidence of structures and activities associated with this early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century homestead at the edge of town could remain buried in the yard areas of this property.
- R-1 Call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-746-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds. The language noted above shall be included on all final site plan sheets involving any ground disturbing activities.
- R-2 The applicant shall not allow any metal detection and/or artifact collection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology. Failure to comply shall result in project delays. The language noted above shall be included on all final site plan sheets involving any ground disturbing activities.
- C-1 All required archaeological preservation measures shall be completed in compliance with Section 11-411 of the Zoning Ordinance.

#### **Transportation & Environmental Services**

- R-1 The building permit must be approved and issued prior to the issuance of any permit for demolition. (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. 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:

  For a Public Alley The applicant shall contact T&ES, Construction Management & Inspections at (703) 746-4035 to discuss any permits and accommodation requirements that will be required.

  For a Private Alley 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 Roof, surface and sub-surface drains be connected to the public storm sewer system, if available, by continuous underground pipe. Where storm sewer is not available applicant must provide a design to mitigate impact of stormwater drainage onto adjacent properties and to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation & Environmental Services. (Sec.5-6-224) (T&ES)
- C-4 All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T&ES)
- C-5 Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)
- C-6 All improvements to the city right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc. must be city standard design. (Sec. 5-2-1) (T&ES)

#### V. ATTACHMENTS

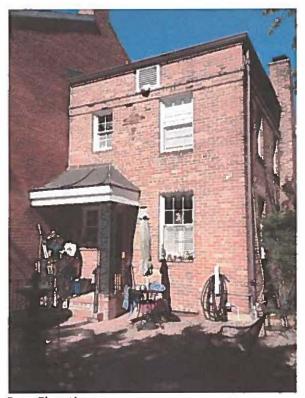
- 1 Supporting Materials
- 2 Application BAR2015-0274 & BAR2015-0275 at 713 S Pitt Street



# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING FLOOR AREA RATIO AND OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS

A. Property Inform	ation			
A1. Street Address	713	3. Pitt St	•	Zone RM
A2. 2928		x_ 1.50	)	= 4392
Total Lot Area	HAVE A	Floor Area Ratio Allo		Maximum Allowable Floor Area
B. Existing Gross	Floor Area			
Existing Gros	s Area*	Allowable Exc	clusions	
Basement	484.2	Basement**		B1. Existing Gross Floor Area *
First Floor	484.2	Stairways**		Sq. Ft. B2. Allowable Floor Exclusions**
Second Floor	484.2	Mechanical**		Sq. Ft. B3. Existing Floor Area minus Exclusions
Third Floor				Sq. Ft.
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E. Open Space Cal	culations		revie	w. Sections may also be required for some
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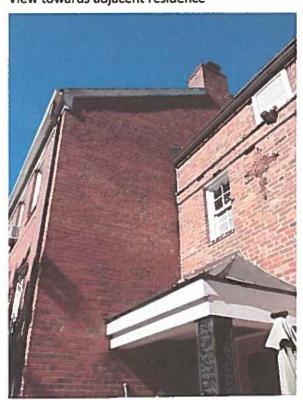


Side Elevation

# Rear Entry Porch/ Stairs to Basement



View towards adjacent residence



APPLICATION MATERIALS
BAR2015-00274/00275
713 S Pitt St.
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MARCH 30, 2005 SCALE:

GRAPHIC SCALE

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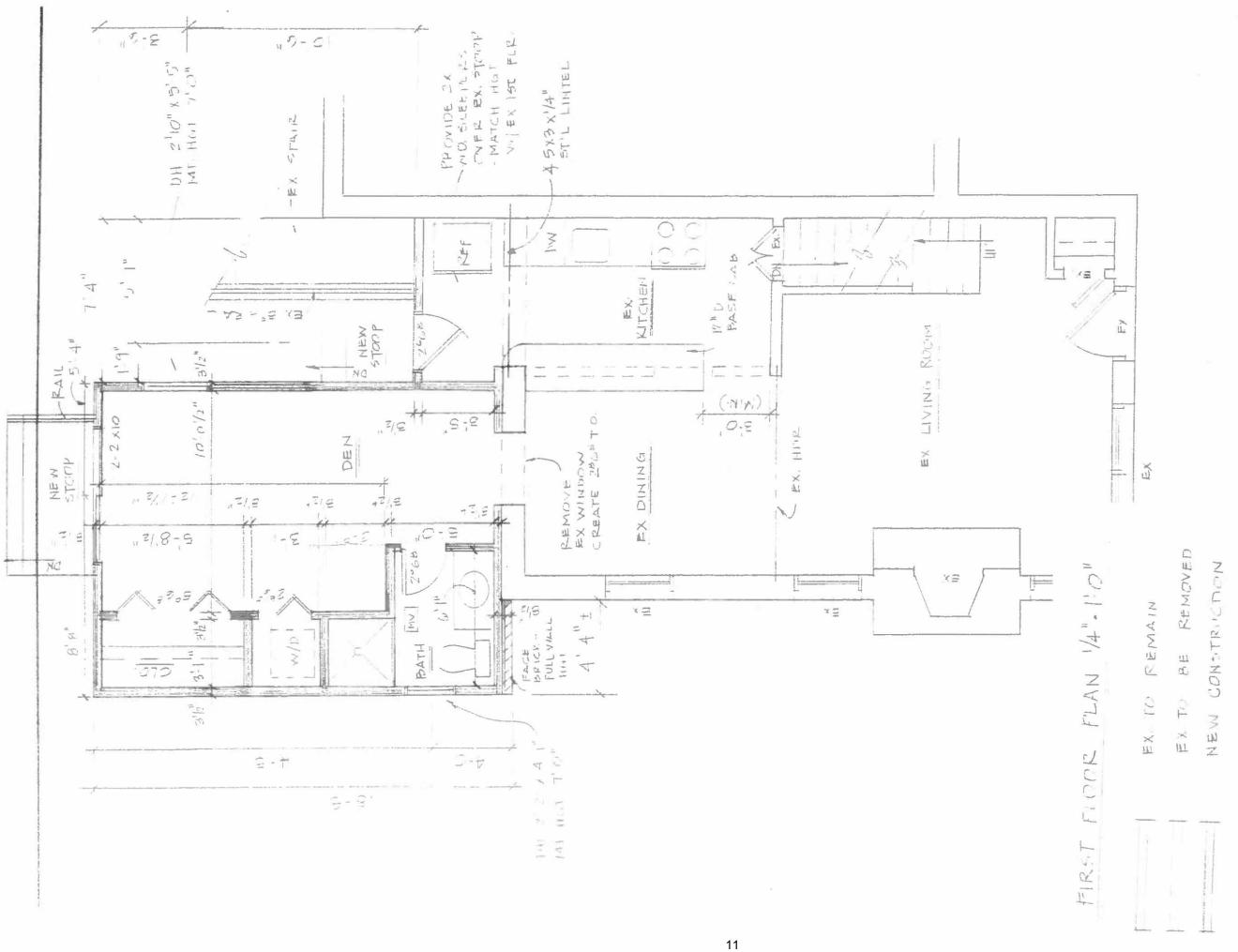
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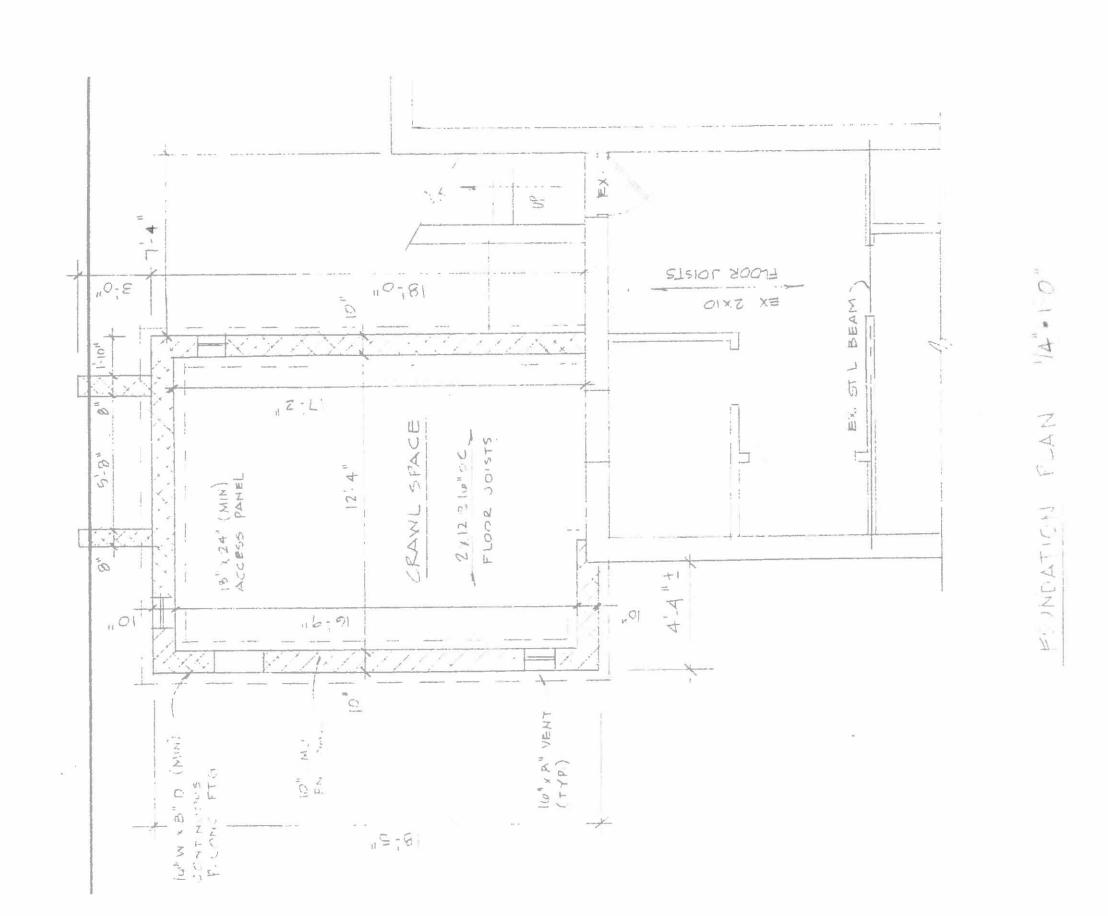
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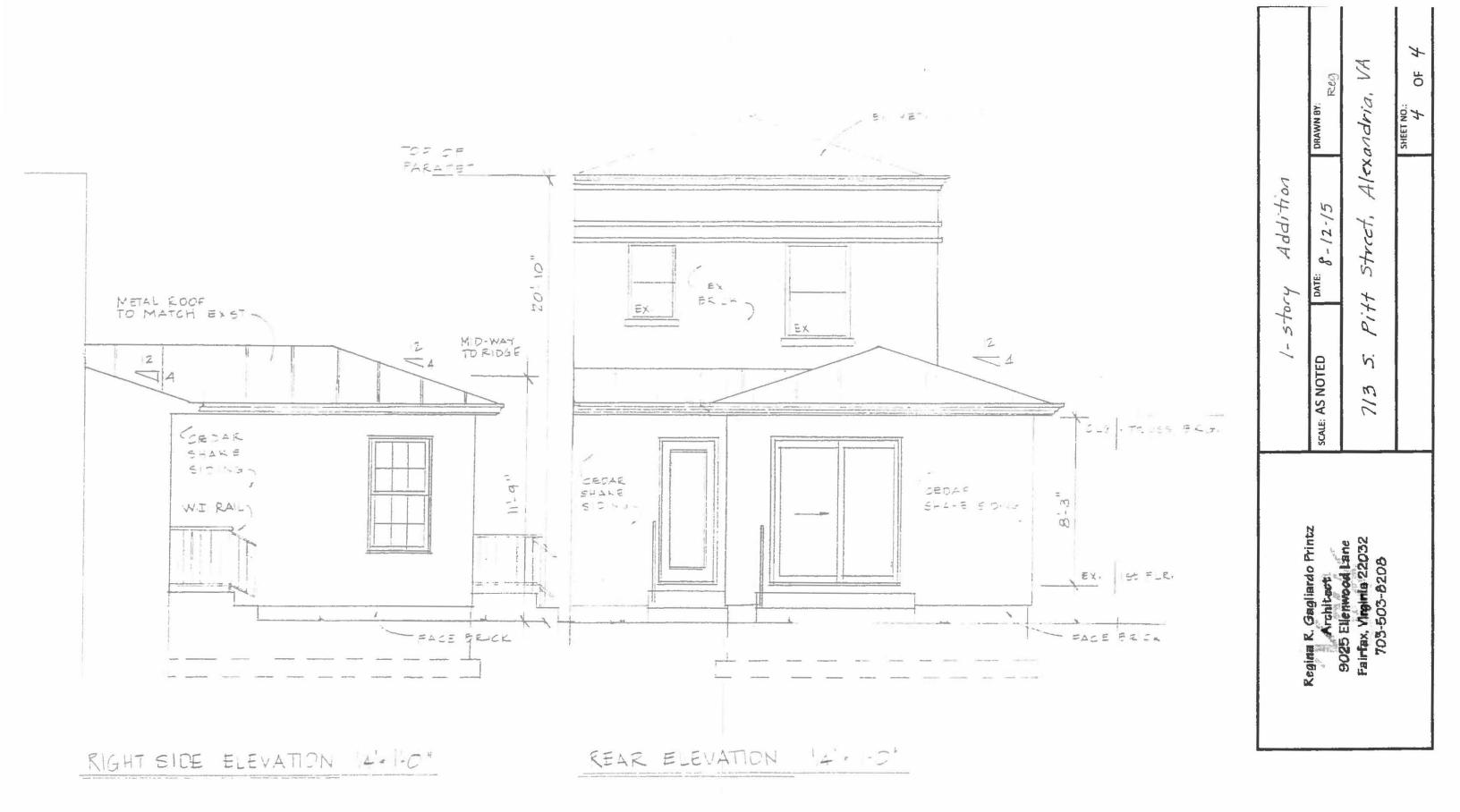


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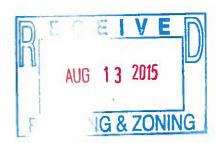


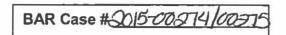
## ATTACHMENT #2

BAR Case #6005-00074 805-00075

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 713 5. Pitt 5	54,
TAX MAP AND PARCEL: 080, 02 - 08-15	ZONING: RM
APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)	
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS	
PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEI (Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished)	
WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and CLEARANCE AREA (Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Or	
WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIRE (Section 6-403(B)(3). Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)	MENT
Applicant: Property Owner Business (Please prov	vide business name & contact person)
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Phone: E-mail :	
Authorized Agent (if applicable): Attorney Arch	nitect 🔀
Name: David Isaac	Phone: 571-217-187
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Legal Property Owner:	
Name: Rebecca or Robert Sutte	20
Address: 713 S. Pitt St	1412 - 41- 42
City: Alexandria State: VA Zip:	22314
Phone: 103-725-5395 E-mail:	1 1 = ==
Yes No Is there an historic preservation easement on Yes No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the Yes No Is there a homeowner's association for this process. Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association approx	e proposed alterations? roperty?

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

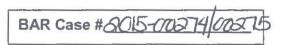




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Additions & New Construction: Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 3 complete 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects fronting Washington Street. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- 2	N/A	
<b>V</b>		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
		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.
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		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.
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	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.

APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:
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 3 sets of 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:

Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

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# OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. 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 ten 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. REBEECA AND ROBERT SUTTEN	SIB 6. PITT ST ALBXANDRIA	100%
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2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 113 5. Pitt st (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten 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. Rebecca or Robert Sutton	713 S. Pitt. St.	100%
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3.		

3. Business or Financial Relationships. 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 the 12-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.