

Docket Item # 1
BAR CASE # 2015-0340

BAR Meeting
November 4, 2015

ISSUE: Alterations (Fence)
APPLICANT: Jordon & Katherine Thomas
LOCATION: 800 Devon Place
ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of either fence style, provided the fence is installed entirely on the applicant's property and not in the public right-of-way.

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 Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.



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I. ISSUE

The applicant requests approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace a damaged and recently removed 3 ½' wood fence with a new 3 ½' wood fence located at the front building wall and enclosing the secondary front yard at 800 Devon Place. The new fence will be constructed of cedar planks painted white in either a decorative gingerbread cut-out pattern or a more simplified wood picket design.

The application is before the Board because the fence is located in the front yard and because the design of the fence, while in the same location, is different than the previous fence (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Photo of recently removed fence

II. HISTORY

The stone and brick Tudor Revival Style townhouse at 800 Devon Place dates from **ca 1939** and was constructed as part of a development known as Fagelson's Addition. Portions of the development, including Avon Place, Bashford Lane, Chetworth Place and Michigan Avenue were included within the original boundaries of the historic district in 1946 in order to protect the view shed from, and memorial character of, the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The proposed fence will not be visible from the Parkway.

Staff was not able to locate any prior BAR approvals for the subject property and does not know when the pressure treated wood retaining walls were installed in the front yard.

III. ANALYSIS

The BAR's *Design Guidelines* recommend that "fences, garden walls and gates should be appropriate in materials, design and scale to the period and character of the structure they surround". The *Guidelines* also state that "Wood fences must be painted or stained." Staff has no objection to simple picket fence design and can even support the Victorian style fence, whose band-sawn balusters were historically used as a porch skirt or railing, provided that it is either stained or painted a color which more subtly blends with the stone walls and surrounding

landscaping. This neighborhood has a great variety of fences and walls, in many different designs and materials and the new fence will be an attractive addition.

As always, the fence must be installed entirely on the applicant's property and not in the public right-of-way.

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

Zoning Comments

Applicant must submit a copy of the plat to show that the location of the 3.5' open fence is located completely on their property before staff can determine compliance.

Code Administration

No comments received.

Transportation and 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)

CODE REQUIREMENTS

- 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 Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)

V. ATTACHMENTS

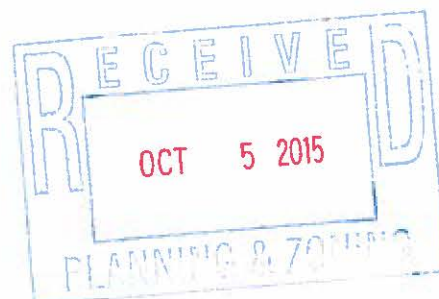
1 – Supplemental Materials

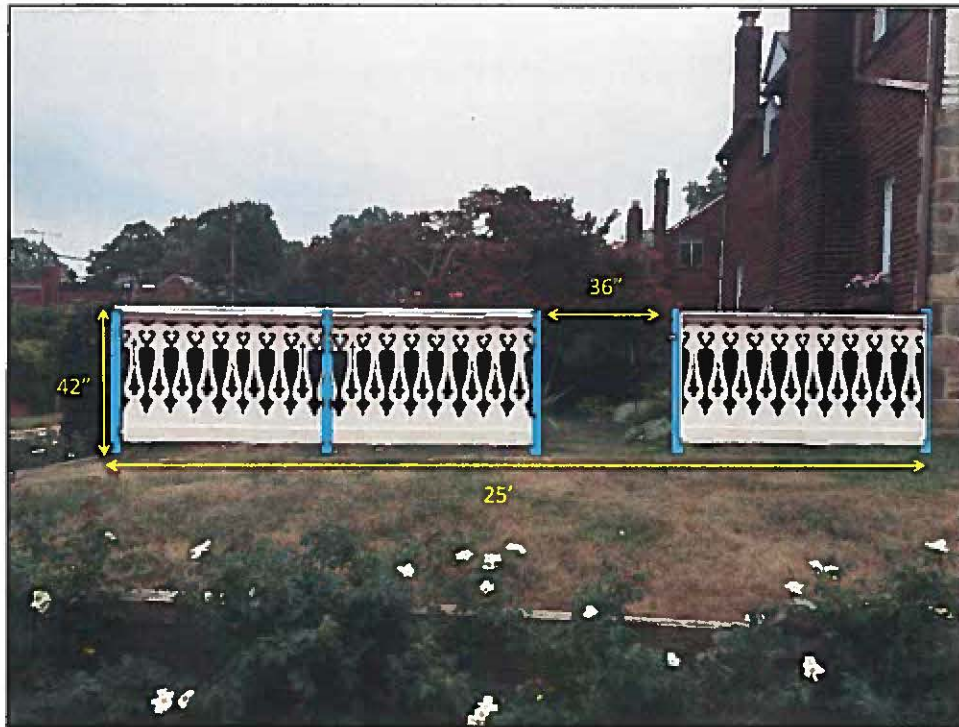
2 – Application for BAR2015-00340: 800 Devon Place



This is the current front yard at 800 Devon Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. The fence that was here fell down in the spring. The posts were not footed into concrete so the fence posts shifted and the slats fell down. The replacement fence will be made of cedar and footed in concrete.

APPLICATION MATERIALS
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800 Devon Pl.
10/5/2015





Fence is 25 linear feet and will be 3' 6" high to comply with Alexandria codes. The gate will be between 30" and 36" style will be similar to the slats.

Materials:

Posts:

4" x 4" x 6' ⁵/₆ pressure treated wood footed in concrete
 1" x 6" cedar front to box each of the posts

Slats:

Primed cedar

1" x 8" x 42" (with a design approximated above)

1" x 4" x 10' (8)

1" x 6" x 10' (8)

Paint will be a shade of white.



This is our second option. Still 25 linear feet and 3' 6" high. The gate is shown in this picture.

Materials:

Posts:

- 4" x 4" x 6' (6) pressure treated wood footed in concrete
- 1" x 6" cedar front to box each of the posts

Pickets:

- Primed cedar
- 1" x 1" x 42" (~60)
- 1" x 4" x 10' (8)
- 1" x 6" x 10' (8)

Paint will be a shade of white.

BAR Case # 2015-00340ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 800 Devon PlaceTAX MAP AND PARCEL: # 044.02-05 - 10 ZONING: RB

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: Jordan K + Katherine ThomasAddress: 800 Devon PlaceCity: Alexandria State: VA Zip: 22314Phone: 202.340.3846 E-mail: jordethomas@yahoo.comAuthorized Agent (if applicable): ☐ Attorney ☐ Architect ☐ _____Name: Same as applicant

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Legal Property Owner:

Name: same as applicant

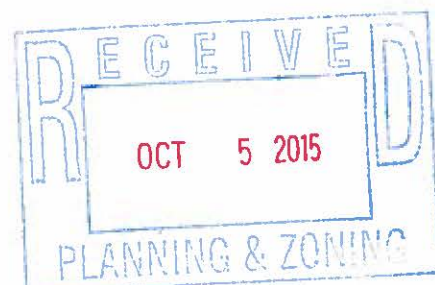
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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?

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



NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: *Please check all that apply*

- ☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION
- ☒ EXTERIOR ALTERATION: *Please check all that apply.*
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|--------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> awning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fence, gate or garden wall | <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> shutters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doors | <input type="checkbox"/> windows | <input type="checkbox"/> siding | <input type="checkbox"/> shed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> pergola/trellis | <input type="checkbox"/> painting unpainted masonry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | | | |
- ☐ ADDITION
- ☐ DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION
- ☐ SIGNAGE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: *Please describe the proposed work in detail (Additional pages may be attached).*

*replacing 21 feet of wooden fence
of same height, different design.*

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.

Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted whenever possible.

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.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not considered feasible. |

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.

- ☐ ☒ N/A 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.

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.

- ☐ ☒ 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.

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

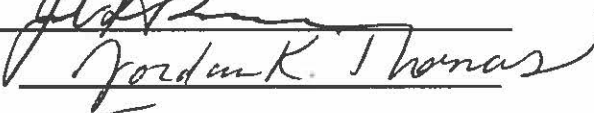
- ☐ ☒ N/A Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations, all sides of the building and any pertinent details.
- ☐ ☐ Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment 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.

ALL 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: Jordan K. Thomas
 Date: 10.5.15

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. <u>N/A</u>		
2. <u>Jordan Thomas</u>	<u>800 Devon Pl</u>	<u>100%</u>
3.	<u>Alexandria, VA 22314</u>	

2. **Property.** State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 800 Devon Pl. Alexandria (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. <u>N/A</u>		
2. <u>Jordan Thomas</u>	<u>800 Devon Pl</u>	<u>100%</u>
3.	<u>Alexandria, VA 22314</u>	

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. <u>N/A</u>		
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.

10/5/15
Date

Jordan Thomas
Printed Name


Signature