Docket Item # 2 BAR CASE # 2015-00400

BAR Meeting January 20, 2016

ISSUE:	Request for alterations
APPLICANT:	Suzanne Noctor Willett
LOCATION:	333 N Royal St
ZONE:	RM

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness application, as submitted.

#### **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 (<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, 703-838-4360 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.
- 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 credit



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\*The GIS imagery does not reflect the current condition of the subject property.

Note: The subject property is a part of the redevelopment project approved by the Board on June 19, 2013 (BAR2012-0407 & BAR2013-0175).

While reviewing this case staff found a rear fence violation and is working with the property owners to correct it.

#### I. <u>ISSUE</u>

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the townhouse at 333 N Royal Street.

The proposal includes the construction of a pergola on the existing second floor balcony located at the rear of the property. The proposed pergola is very similar in style and location to the existing pergola at 335 N Royal Street, the neighboring property north of the subject property. That pergola was approved by the BAR at the time of the original development approvals.

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

The subject property is one of four, three-story townhouses construct as a part of the redevelopment of 333 N Royal Street and 316 Princess Street in **2013**. The property has two surface parking spaces at the rear of the unit that is accessed from the existing private, shared alley accessed from Princess Street. The detailing on this townhouse is similar to that of the Wardman style townhouses found in Washington, DC and the suburbs and recalls the many twin, or semi-detached, rowhouses found in Old Town.

#### III. <u>ANALYSIS</u>

The applicant is proposing to construct an 8'-0" tall pergola over the existing balcony at the rear of 333 N Royal Street. The pergola will be visible looking down the alley from Princess Street. It will be made of 2x8 painted rafters with a decorative tail and Azek brand solid cellular PVC fascia board on all sides of the box beam, and supported by 8" wide x 8'-0" high Azek box columns and the existing 36" high guardrail. The proposed alterations will match the design details of the existing pergola at 335 N Royal Street, which staff believes adds a great deal of architectural character to the rear elevation of that townhouse.

Staff recommends approval of the application, as submitted.

#### <u>STAFF</u>

Amirah Lane, Senior Planning Technician, Planning & Zoning Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

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

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

#### Zoning Comments

- C-1 Proposed pergola will comply with zoning if it is at least 80% open.
- C-2 Project must comply with all terms and conditions of DSP2012-00029.

#### **Development Comments**

Approved, no comments.

#### **Code Administration**

No comments received.

#### **Transportation and Environmental Services**

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

#### Alexandria Archaeology

F-1 There is low potential for significant archaeological resources to be disturbed by this project. No archaeological action is required.

#### V. ATTACHMENTS

- *I Supplemental Materials*
- 2 Application for BAR2015-00400: 333 N Royal St.



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

#### **A. Property Information**

A1. Street Address 333 North Royal Street

Zone RM

Maximum Allowable Floor Area

A2. <u>1,864</u> Total Lot Area x <u>1.5</u> Floor Area Ratio Allowed by Zone = 2,796

B. Existing Gross Floor Area

Existing Gross Area*		Allowable Exclusions		
Basement	1,132.5	Basement**	1,132.5	
First Floor	1,132.5	Stairways**	226.3	
Second Floor	977.5	Mechanical**	15	
Third Floor	946.4	Other**	86.4	
Porches/ Other	N/A	Total Exclusions	1,460.2	
Total Gross *	4,188.9			

 B1. Existing Gross Floor Area \*

 4,188.9
 Sq. Ft.

 B2. Allowable Floor Exclusions\*\*

 1,460.2
 Sq. Ft.

 B3. Existing Floor Area minus Exclusions

 2,728.7
 Sq. Ft.

 (subtract B2 from B1)

#### C. Proposed Gross Floor Area (does not include existing area)

Proposed Gross Area*		Allowable Exclusions		
Basement	N/A	Basement**	N/A	
First Floor	N/A	Stairways**	N/A	
Second Floor	N/A	Mechanical**	N/A	
Third Floor	N/A	Other**	N/A	
Porches/ Other	N/A	Total Exclusions		
Total Gross *	N/A			

C1. Proposed Gross Floor Area \* <u>N/A</u>\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sq. Ft. C2. Allowable Floor Exclusions\*\* <u>N/A</u>\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sq. Ft. C3. Proposed Floor Area minus Exclusions <u>N/A</u>\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sq. Ft. (subtract C2 from C1)

#### D. Existing + Proposed Floor Area

D1. Total Floor Area (add B3 and C3) 2,728.7 Sq. Ft.

D2. Total Floor Area Allowed by Zone (A2) 2.796 Sq. Ft.

\*Gross floor area is the sum of all gross horizontal areas under roof, measured from the face of exterior walls, including basements, garages, sheds, gazebos, guest buildings and other accessory buildings.

\*\* Refer to the zoning ordinance (Section2-145(B)) and consult with zoning staff for information regarding allowable exclusions.

If taking exclusions other than basements, floor plans with excluded areas must be submitted for review. Sections may also be required for some exclusions.

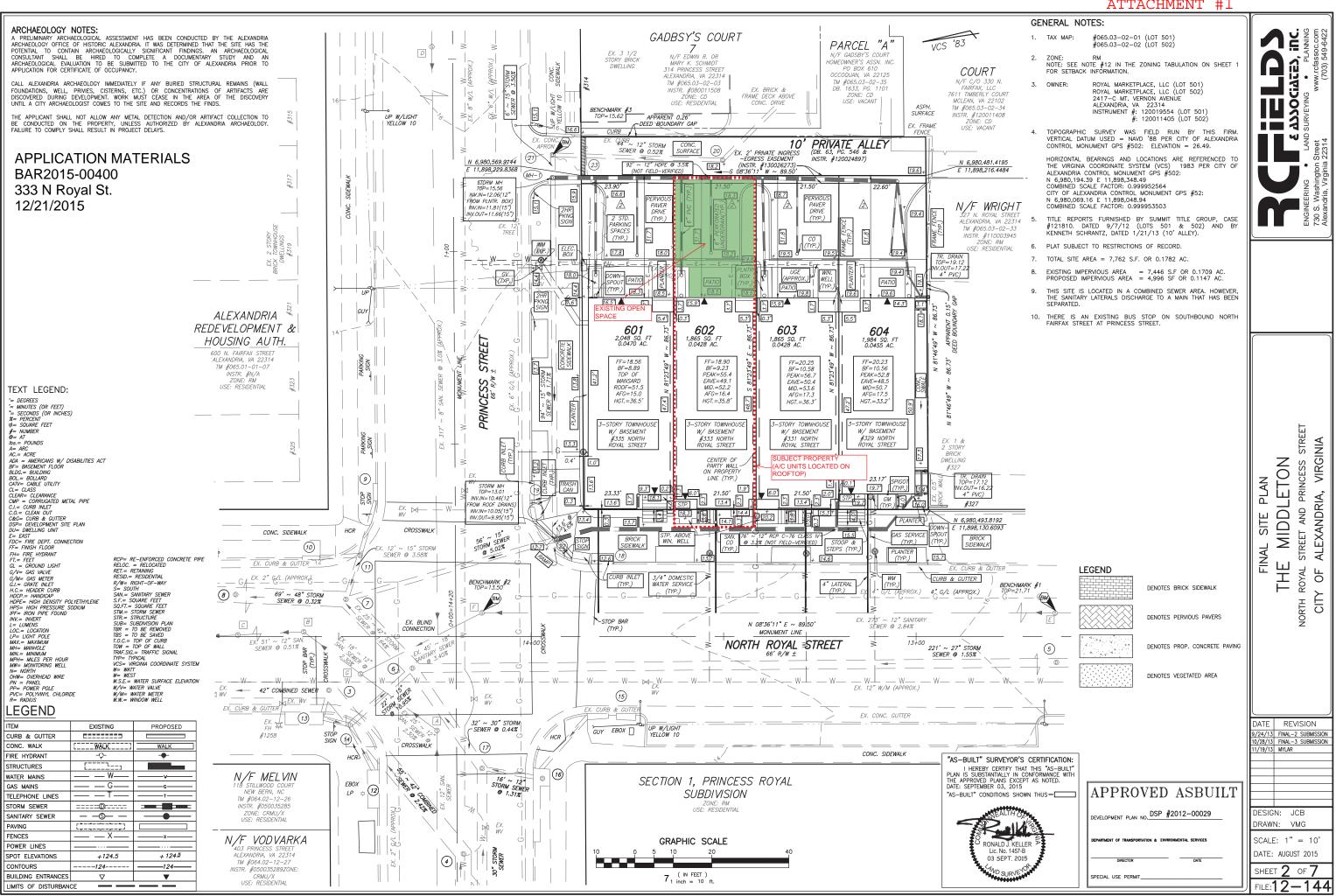
#### F. Open Space Calculations

Existing Open Space	661	
Required Open Space	653	
Proposed Open Space	No Change	

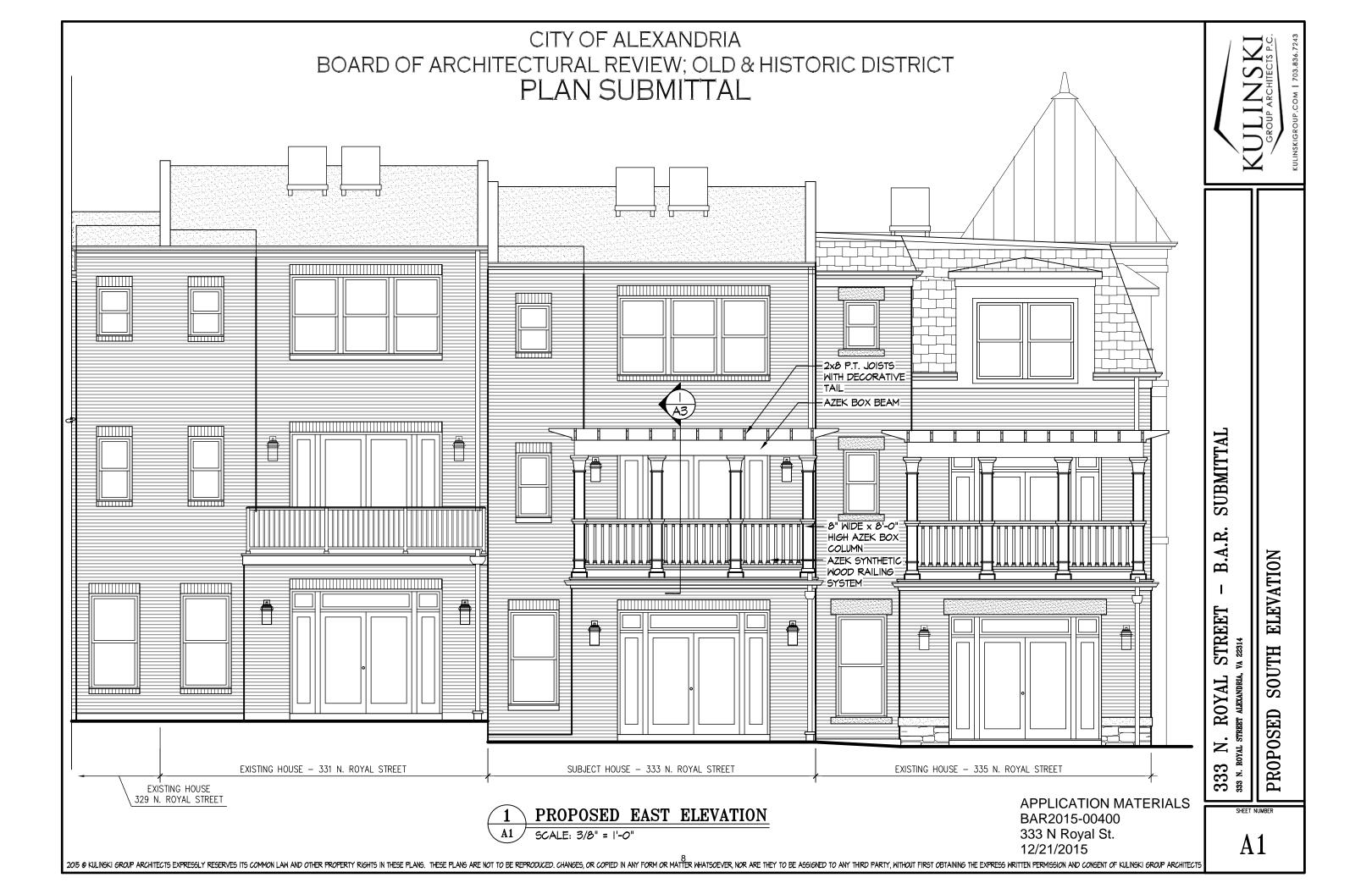
The undersigned hereby certifies and attests that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the above computations are true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_

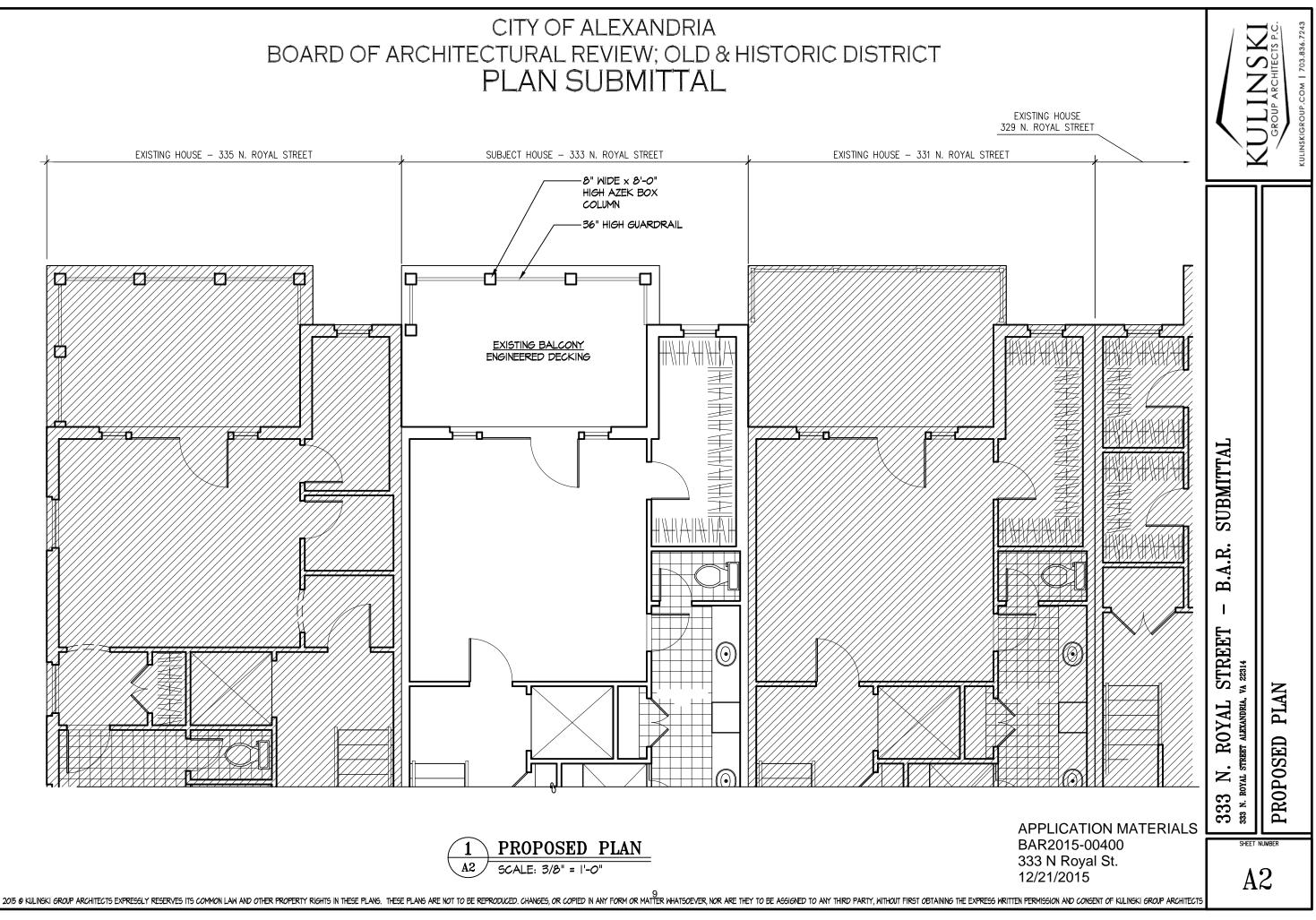
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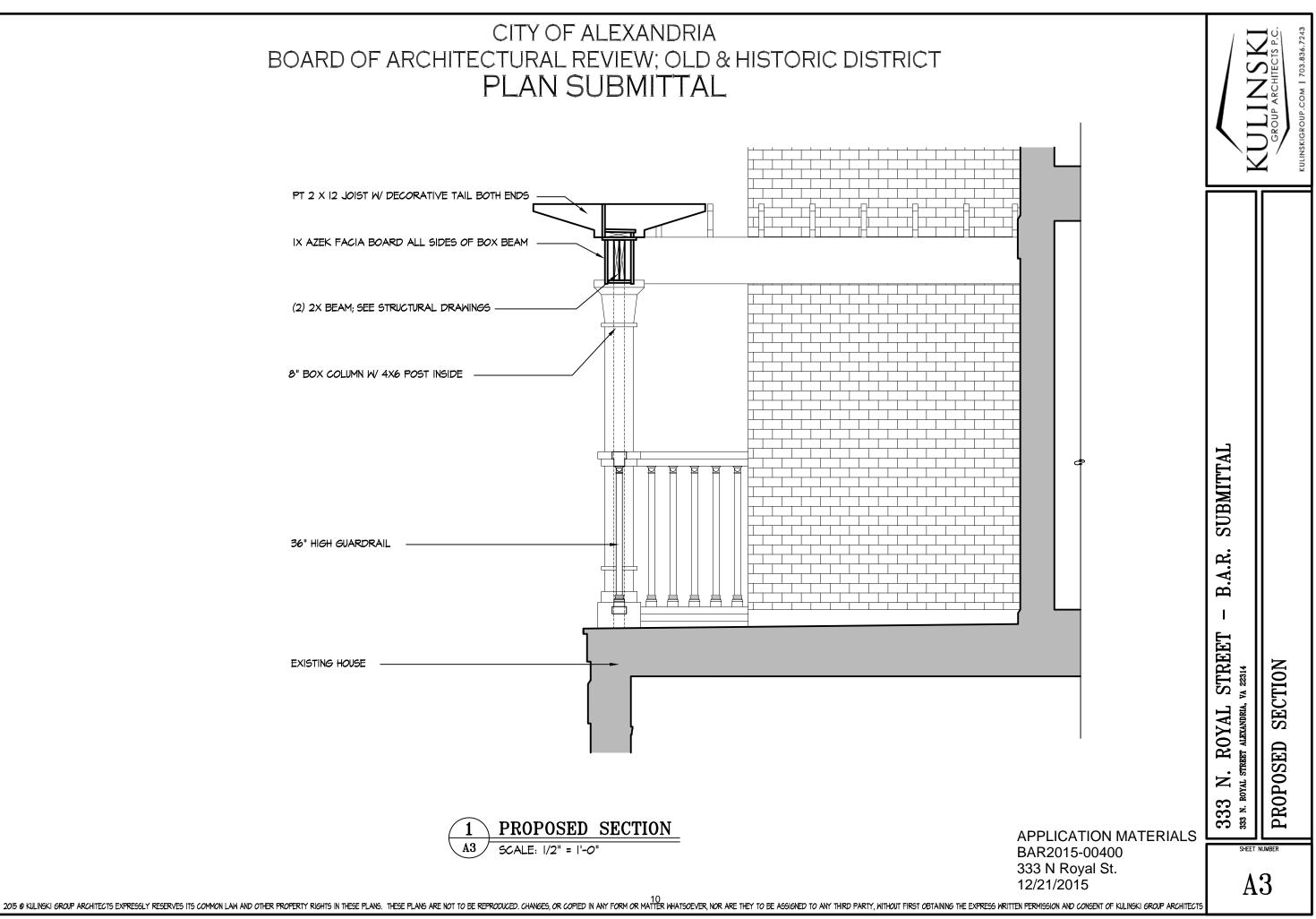
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## PLAN SUBMITTAL



# PLAN SUBMITTAL





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ADDRESS OF PROJECT:	333 N	Roval	Street
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 TAX MAP AND PARCEL:
 065.03-02-50
 ZONING:
 RM

**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)

Applica	ant: 🛛 Property Owner	Business (Ple	ase prov	ide business name & contact person)
Name:	Suzanne Noctor Willett	TR		
Address	s: 333 N Royal Street			
City:	Alexandria	State: VA	Zip:	22314
Phone:		E-mail :		
Author	ized Agent (if applicable	e): 🗌 Attorney	🛛 Arch	nitect 🗌
Name:	STEPHEN W. KULINSKI	Phone: (703) 83	36-7243	
E-mail:	steve@kulinskigroup.c	om		
Legal F	Property Owner:			
Name:	Suzanne Noctor Willett	TR		
Address	s: 333 N Royal Street			
City:	Alexandria	State: VA		Zip: 22314
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?

 $\square$  Yes  $\square$  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 a	vlaa
awning fence, gate or garden wal doors windows lighting pergola/trellis other	
ADDITION     DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION     SIGNAGE	

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

Addition of a pergola on the rear of the house, similar to neighbor on the north.

#### 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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$\square$	Survey plat showing	the extent of the	proposed	demolition/encapsulation.
	Sulvey plat showing		proposed	demonuon/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. All plans must be folded and collated into 12 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.  $\boxtimes$
- $\square$ Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
- Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.  $\bowtie$
- Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to  $\square$ 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).
$\boxtimes$	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 12 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: STEPHEN W. KULINSKI

Date: 12/21/15

#### 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 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.Suzanne Noctor Willett TR	333 N Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314	100%
2.		
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at <u>333 N Royal Street</u> (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.Suzanne Noctor Willett TR	333 N Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314	100%
2.		
3.		

<u>3. 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.

12/21/15

STEPHEN W. KULINSKI

Date

Printed Name

Signature