Docket Item #3 & #4 BAR CASE # 2016-00342 & 00343

BAR Meeting November 2, 2016

ISSUE:

Partial demolition and Addition/Alterations

APPLICANT:

317 South Lee Street, LLC

LOCATION:

317 South Lee Street

ZONE:

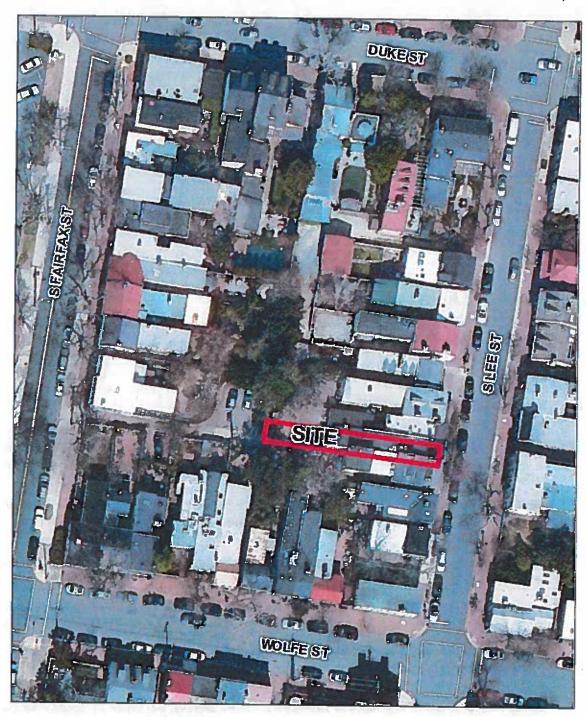
RM / Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval as submitted.

GENERAL NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

- 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.
- 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.



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Note: Staff coupled the applications for a Permit to Demolish (BAR #2016-0342) and Certificate for Appropriateness (BAR #2016-0343) for clarity and brevity.

I. ISSUE

The applicant is requesting a Permit to Demolish for partial demolition of wall area at the rear of the main block and rear ell. The walls proposed to be demolished or capsulated include portions of the second floor inset above a small courtyard. The roof structure on the existing rear addition, constructed circa 2011, will be demolished to accommodate a second story addition.

The proposed addition will be located atop an existing one-story rear addition and will be minimally visible from South Fairfax Street via a **private** alley. The addition will have a pitched roof that will be higher than the adjacent rear addition at 319 South Lee Street. The proposed materials include fiber cement clapboard siding, painted wood windows and a standing seam metal roof. The connecting bridge at the second story above the existing courtyard will not be visible from a public way and therefore its design is not subject to BAR review. The overall building design is shown for context only.

The applicant also requests a Waiver of the Rooftop HVAC Screening Requirement to install an additional rooftop HVAC unit. This unit will not be visible from a public way.

II. <u>HISTORY</u>

The two-story, two-bay frame townhouse at 317 South Lee Street was likely constructed by Jeremiah Dowell after he purchased the land in 1820, According to Ethelyn Cox's book, *Historic Alexandria, Virginia, Street by Street, A Survey of Existing Early Buildings.* The townhouse appears on the earliest Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from 1885. The 1885 map, and subsequent Sanborn maps, show a one-story rear addition, however, the current configuration of the one-story rear addition dates to the mid-twentieth century, as it first becomes evident on the 1958 Sanborn map.

In June 2011, the BAR approved demolition/capsulation of a small portion of the rear ell to construct a one-story rear addition and a new front stoop (BAR 2011-0125 & 2011-0126, June 15, 2011). In 2012, staff administratively approved a roof replacement (BAR 2012-0258, August 2, 2012).

III. = ANALYSIS

Permit to Demolish

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

Standard	Description of Standard	Standard Met?
(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?	No
(2)	Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?	No

(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?	No
(4)	Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?	N/A
(5)	Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?	No
(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?	No

The only historic fabric that will be lost is a portion of the rear wall of the main block and it is minimal in scope as well as of common design that could be easily reproduced. It is typical of what the BAR routinely approves for rear additions. Staff has no objection to the proposed demolition and capsulation which is minimal in scope and predominantly limited to the 2011 addition.

Certificate of Appropriateness for an Addition

Regarding residential additions, the *Design Guidelines* state the Board's preference for "contextual background buildings which allow historic structures to maintain the primary visual importance," and for "designs that are respectful of the existing structure and...which echo the design elements of the existing structure." The visibility of the proposed addition is extremely limited due to its location and substantial foliage in the interior of this block. When the applicant constructed the one-story rear addition five years ago, the BAR only reviewed the demolition and not the addition because the one-story height was not visible. However, because this addition is at the second story and has a pronounced roof form, it will be minimally visible.

Staff supports the design, noting that the architect has utilized historically appropriate forms and fenestration, in essence functioning as a background element. Additionally, the choice of materials is appropriate and consistent with the BAR's adopted policies. Although the applicant proposes to use painted wood windows, it should be noted that a number of alternate high-quality materials, such as fiberglass or aluminum-clad windows, would also meet the BAR's policies for new construction and would be acceptable substitutions as final design details are decided.

Staff notes that neither the existing nor the proposed rooftop HVAC units will be visible and will be wholly screened by the main block and the addition; therefore staff recommends approval of the waiver of the screening requirement.

In summary, staff supports the proposal, as submitted.

STAFF

Catherine K. Miliaras, 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

- C-1 Applicant must maintain at least 529 square feet of open space. A total of 530.67 square feet (43.32' by 12.25') in the rear yard is proposed.
- C-2 Proposed addition complies with zoning.
- F-2 Existing rear deck and stairs are less than 2' in height and can be included in the open space calculation.

Code Administration

No comments received.

Transportation and Environmental Services

- R1. The building permit must be approved and issued prior to the issuance of any permit for demolition. (T&ES)
- R2. Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)
- R3. 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)
- F1. Previously reviewed under [BAR2011-00125,00126 and BAR2012-00258] (T&ES)
- F2. 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)
- F3. 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 Permitting & 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)
- C1. 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)
- C2. 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)
- C3. 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)
- C4. All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T&ES)
- C5. Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)
- C6. 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)

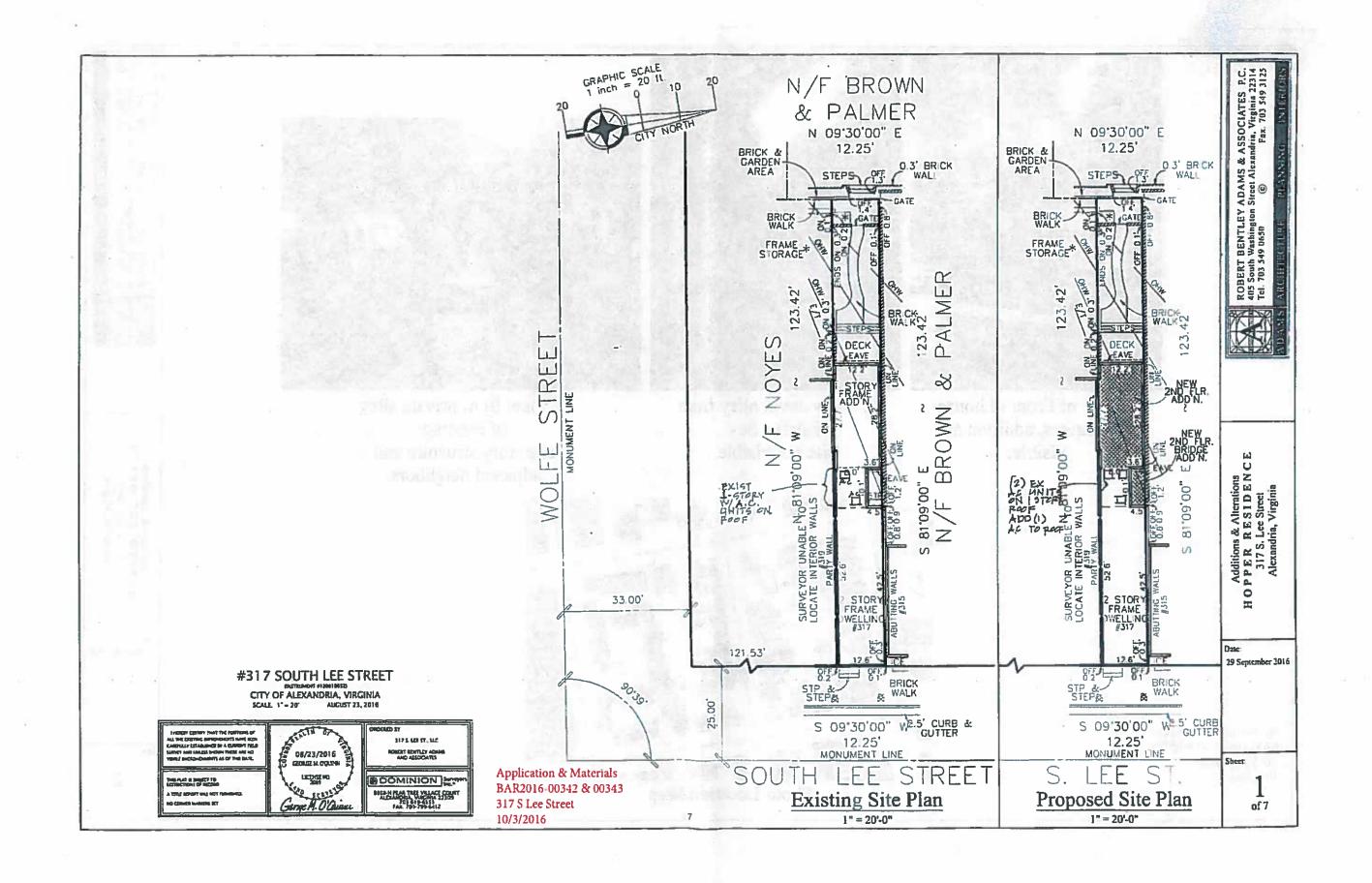
Alexandria Archaeology

No comment.

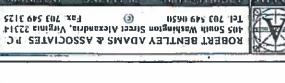
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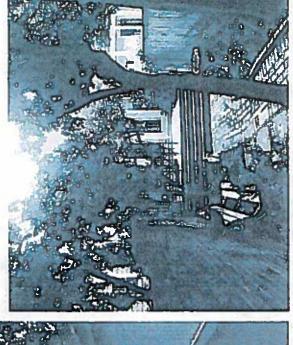
1 – Supplemental Materials

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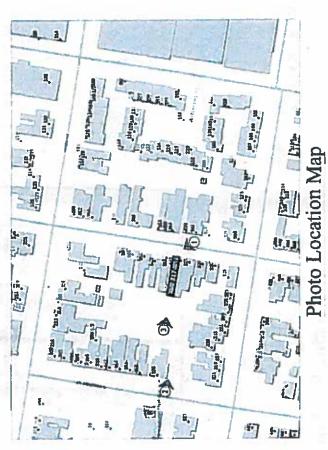
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2. View down alley from Fairfax St.-Site not visible. 1. View of Front of house-No changes, addition not

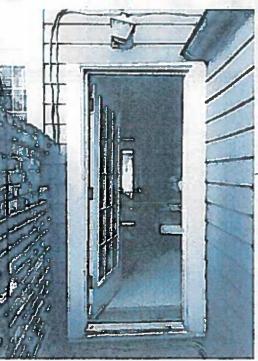
3. View from private alley of existing one story structure and adjacent neighbors.



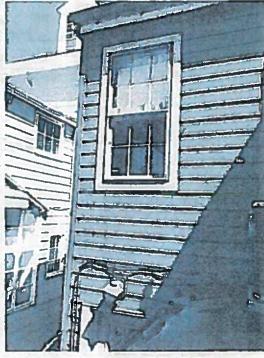
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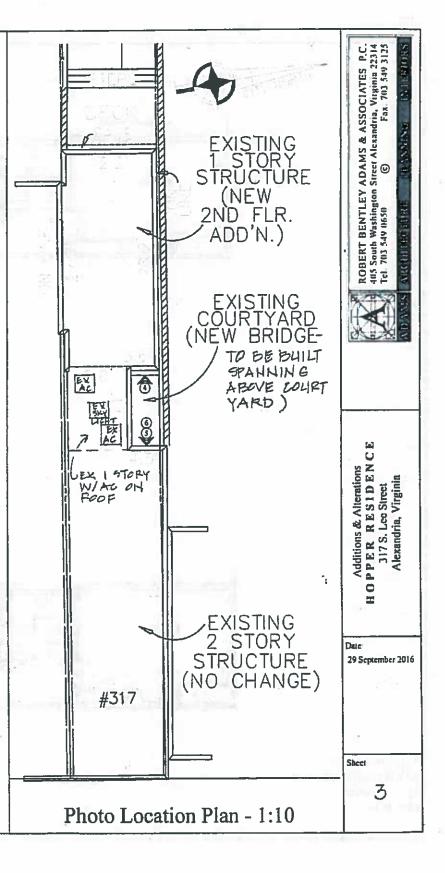
4. View over existing courtyard looking West.



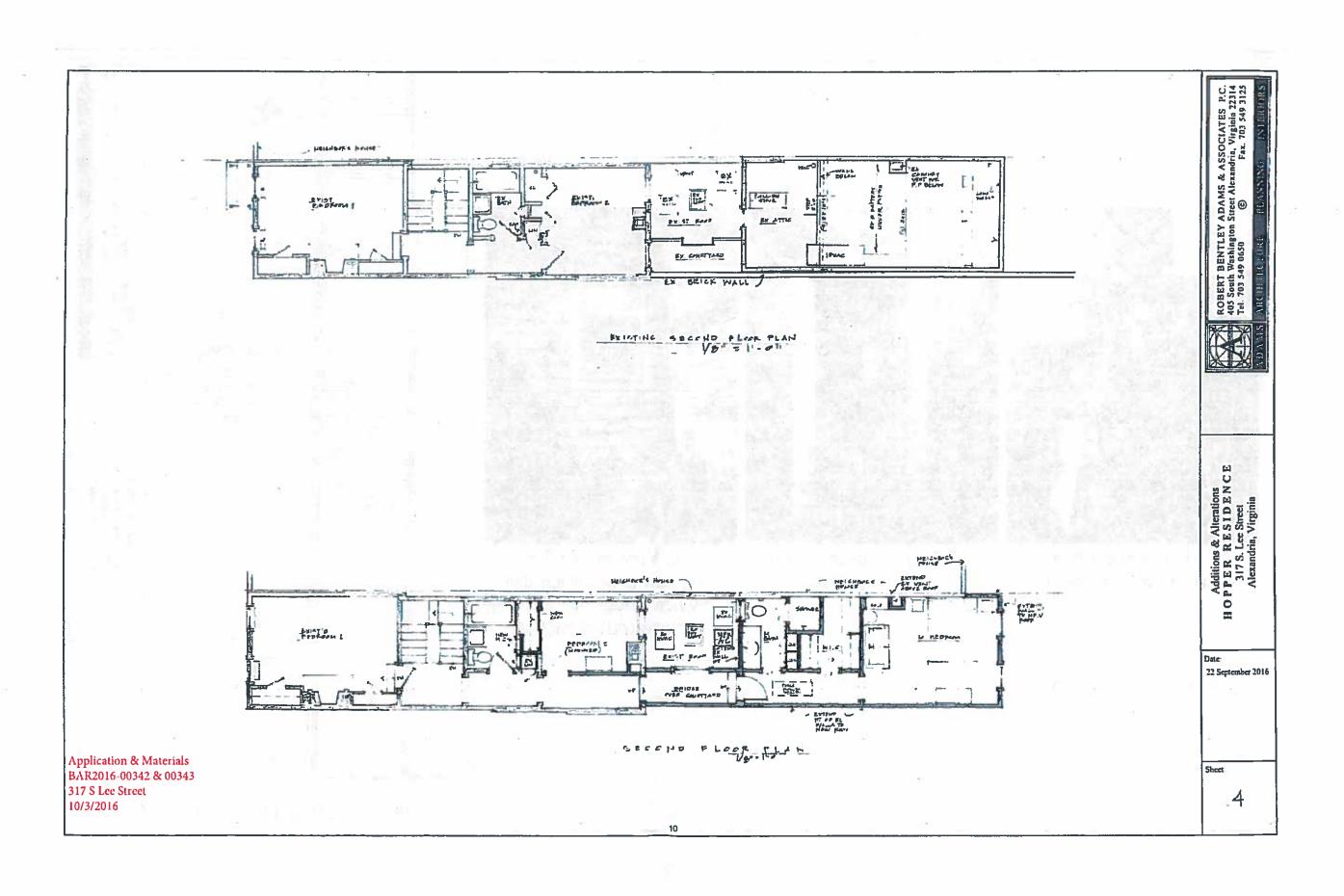
5. View from courtyard looking East.

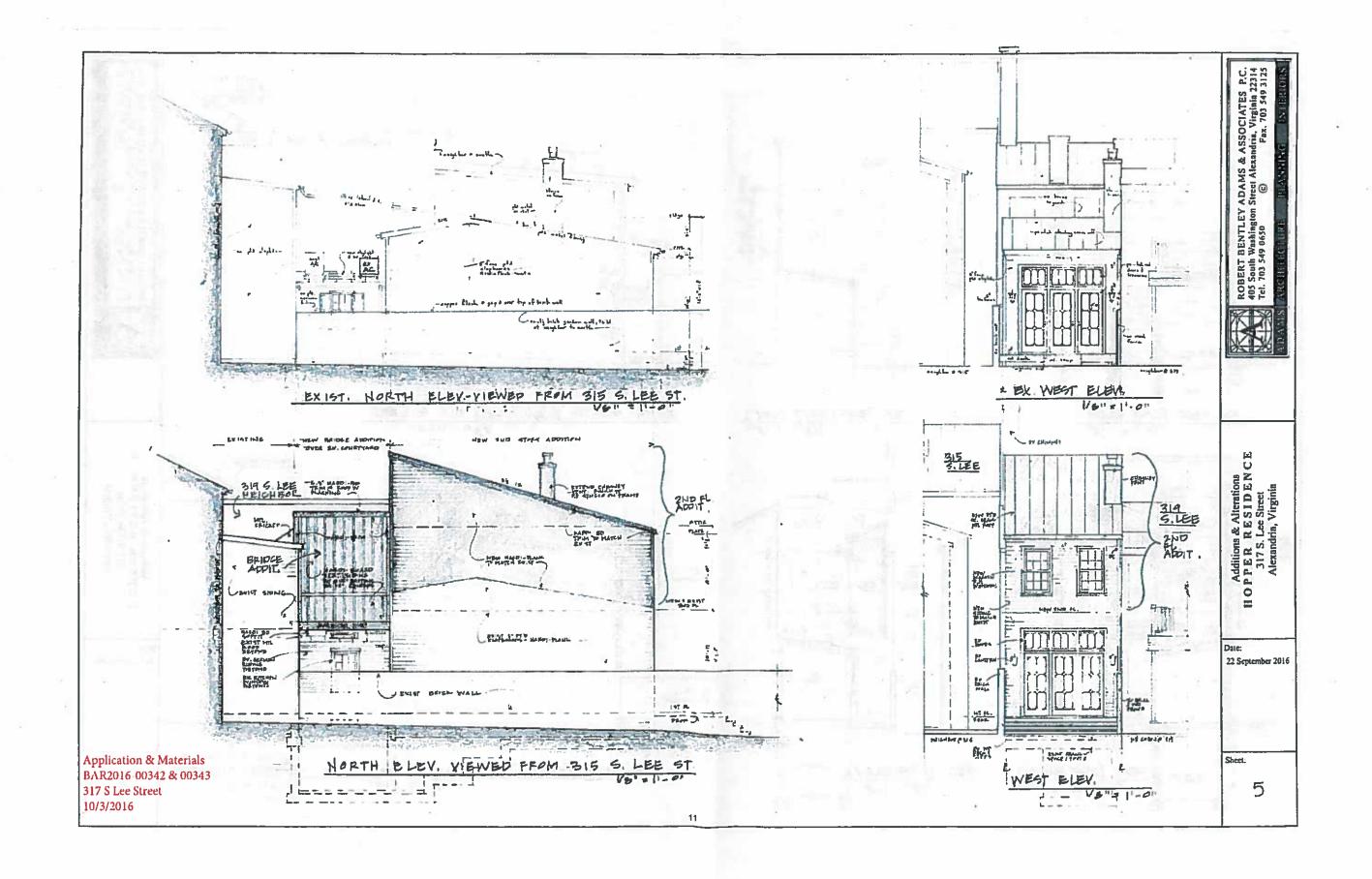


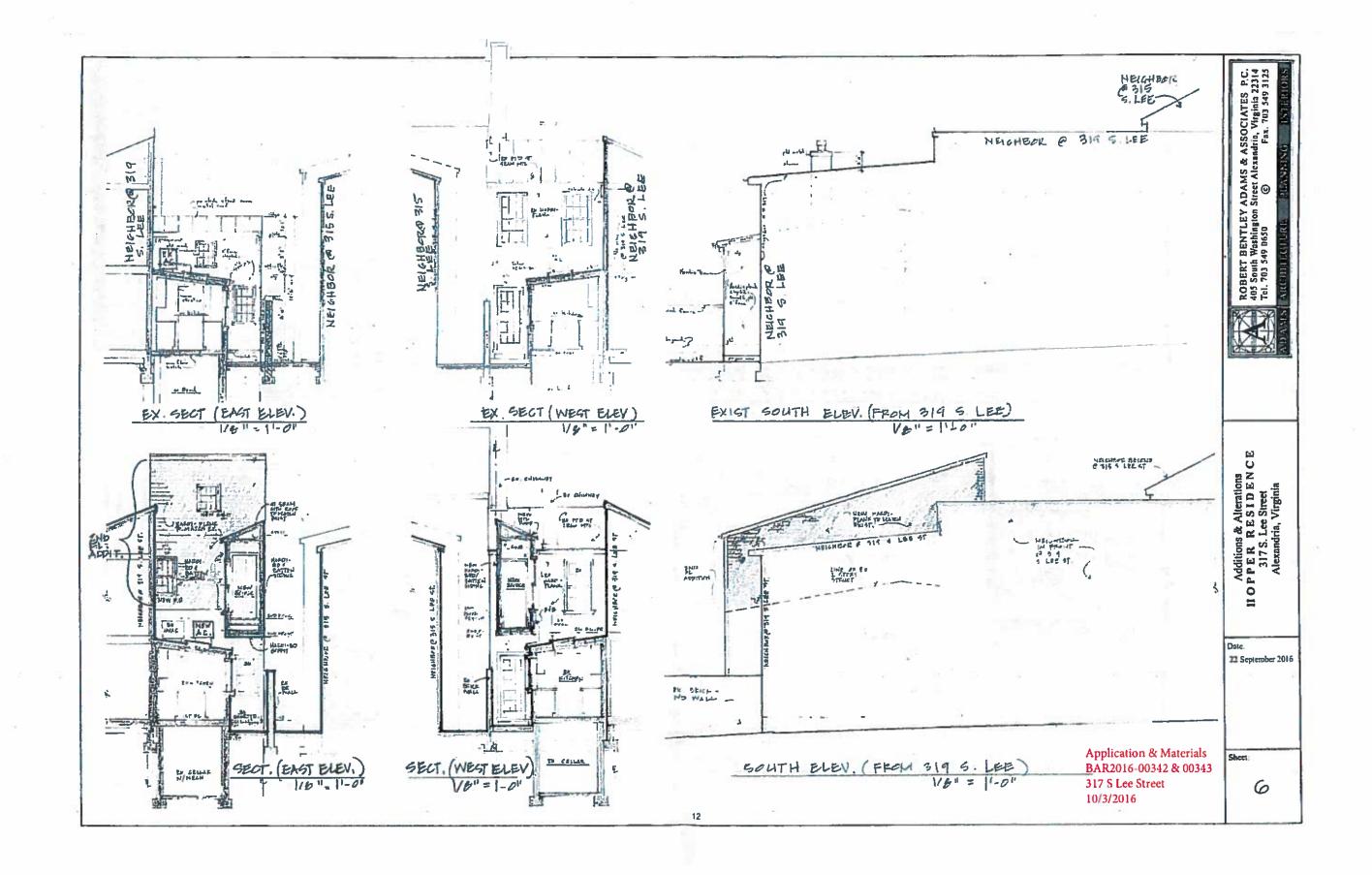
6. View of 2nd floor window to be encapsulated by new bridge over existing courtyard(looking East).

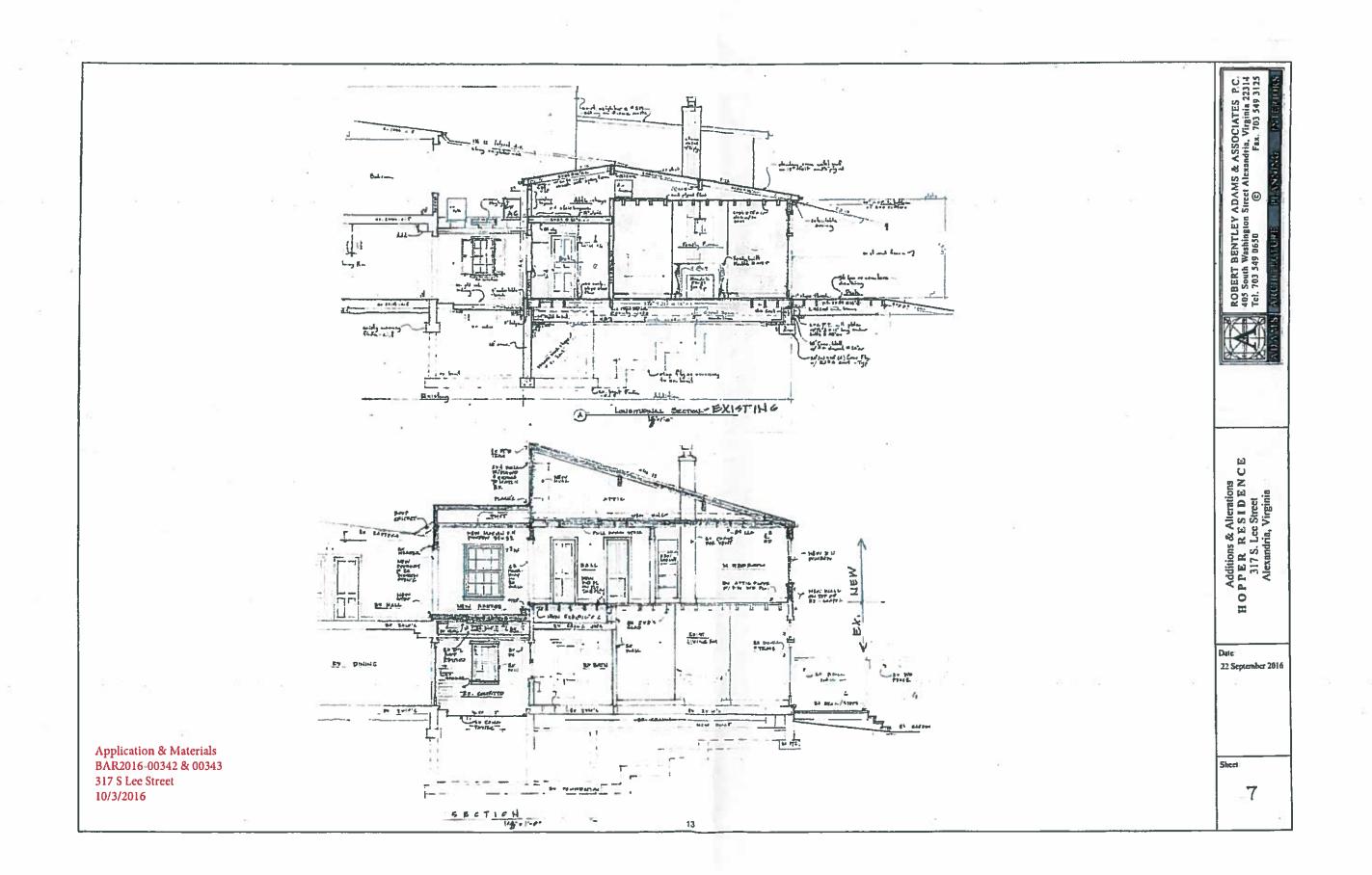


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ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 317 S. Lee Street
TAX MAP AND PARCEL: 075.03-06-15 ZONING: RM
APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH (Required if more than 25 square feet of 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)
Applicant: Property Owner Business (Please provide business name & contact person)
Name: 317 S. Lee St., LLC
Address: 317 S. Lee St.
City: Alexandria State: VA Zip: 22314
Phone: E-mail:
Authorized Agent (if applicable): Attorney Architect
Name: Scot Mc Broom (Adams Architects) Phone: 703.549.0650
E-mail: scot@adamsarch:tects.com
Legal Property Owner:
Name: 317 S. Lee St., LLC
Address: 317 S. Lee St.
City: Alexandria State: VA Zip: 22308
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? 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.

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Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not

to be demolished.

Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.

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 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.

	X	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
	图		equipment. FAR & Open Space calculation form. Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
	X X		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.
	X		Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
	X		Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: rooting, siding, windows,
		M	doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls. For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.
A.4	Hire	ninat	& Awnings: 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.
			Linear feet of building: Front: 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.
	Alf	era	tions: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.
	図	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.
	X		
	X		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.

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ALL	APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:
Ø	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.)
प्	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.
V	I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
હ ′	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.
accu action gran Sect this sinspending other to m	ations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and prate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any on taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby his the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, ition 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to ect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if ir than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner take this application.
	PLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:
Sign	pature: StMB
Prin	led Name: Scot Mc Broom
Date	10/3/16

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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 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.

Address	Percent of Ownership
S. Lee St.	100%
	Address S. Lee St.

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 3/7 5. Lee 54. (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		
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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. 317 S. Lee St., LLC	BUSINESS	none
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.

Date Printed Name Signature

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

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B. Existing Gross Flo	or Area			
Existing Gross	Area*	Allowable Exclus	slons	
Basement	182	Basement**	182	B1. Existing Gross Floor Area *1655 Sq. Ft.
First Floor	945	Stairways**	98	B2. Allowable Floor Exclusions**
Second Floor	519	Mechanical**	43	B3. Existing Floor Area minus Exclusion
Third Floor 27-6 ht.	-	Other**	-	<u>1530</u> Sq. Ft. (subtract B2 from B1)
Porches/ Other		Total Exclusions	323	(Subtract D2 Hold B1)
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Second Floor	385	Mechanical**	3	3 Sq. Ft. C3. Proposed Floor Area minus
Third Floor Attack		Other**	Balance	Exclusions 420 Sq. Ft.
Porches/ Other ' 'C'	38	Total Exclusions	3	(subtract C2 from C1)
Total Gross *	423			Michigan Company
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