

Lia Niebauer

From: Susie Schneider <sschneider0204@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Lia Niebauer
Subject: [EXTERNAL]BAR #2021-00020 OHAD

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Hello Lia Niebauer,

I am writing to express my opposition to the request made by John and Emily Galeror for a deck addition to their home that they submitted for the Board Decision that is set for July 7, 2021. My main objection is that the planned appearance of the finished structure is not esthetically in line with the historic value of the surrounding homes. The deck would visibly impair the view of the Shiloh Baptist Church (an important historic landmark of this beautiful city from Duke Street). It would also impair the view from the increasing foot traffic on Commerce Street as the city continues to attract visitors to Upper King Street. Too many homeowners on Commerce Street have worked hard and at great expense to maintain the integrity of this historic neighborhood. This is not suburbia. It is a critical landmark. We need to maintain it as such.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Schneider

A 22 year resident of our beloved Old Town

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From: Janet Thomas <janetgeelan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Lia Niebauer
Subject: [EXTERNAL]The Galeror's deck proposal

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> Dear Ms. Niebauer:
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> I am very concerned about Emily and John Galerlor's proposal to build a deck on their residence on Commerce Street.
> Since their home is located in a historic area, a deck visible on Commerce Street and to the Sliloh Baptist Church isn't appropriate.
> It isn't in keeping with the neighboring homes which have been restored and maintained in a manner that respects the legacy of the area, thereby contributing to ever increasing vibrancy of the Upper King Street area.
> The Sliloh Baptist Church is treasured for both its history and its role in the community. The proposed addition would be visible from this treasured landmark .
> The City of Alexandria has always sought to maintain its preserve it's past while introducing the best the present has to offer. As a long time resident who is incredibly proud of how Old Town Alexandria has progressed, I don't think this project is in keeping with your standards.
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> Thank you
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> Janet Thomas
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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jared Underberg <jared.underberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:13 PM
To: Lia Niebauer
Subject: [EXTERNAL]OPPOSITION TO: BAR #2021-00020 OHAD/ 314 Commerce Street

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Ms. Niebauer,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to oppose the request to construct a deck at 314 Commerce Street. I am a long time resident and own properties in Old Town. I own a home on Duke Street where the proposed deck will be in the direct line of sight from my backyard. Looking around there are no other decks in the neighborhood and I believe that this deck will detract from the appeal of living on this block within the historic district. If decks are going to be permitted like the one in question behind my home it will create a slippery slope and will completely change the feel and general appeal of living in the Historic area. It will also infringe on my privacy as it will overlook my fenced in patio along with neighboring properties. Decks may add personal value to a homeowner but they do not add value to the community or the surrounding homeowners at large. The deck will be an eye sore.

Additionally the deck is in the direct view of the Shiloh Baptist church which is a significant historical landmark. The deck at 314 Commerce Street will forever change the view of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Please do not approve the construction of the deck at 314 Commerce Street and help preserve the integrity of the historic district.

Respectfully,

Jared Underberg, Esq.
585-732-1579

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Pictures for BAR discussion on 314 commerce street proposed deck.

BAR #2021-00023 OHAD and BAR #2021-00020 OHAD

From Tim Foley

110 North Columbus Street



Alley view

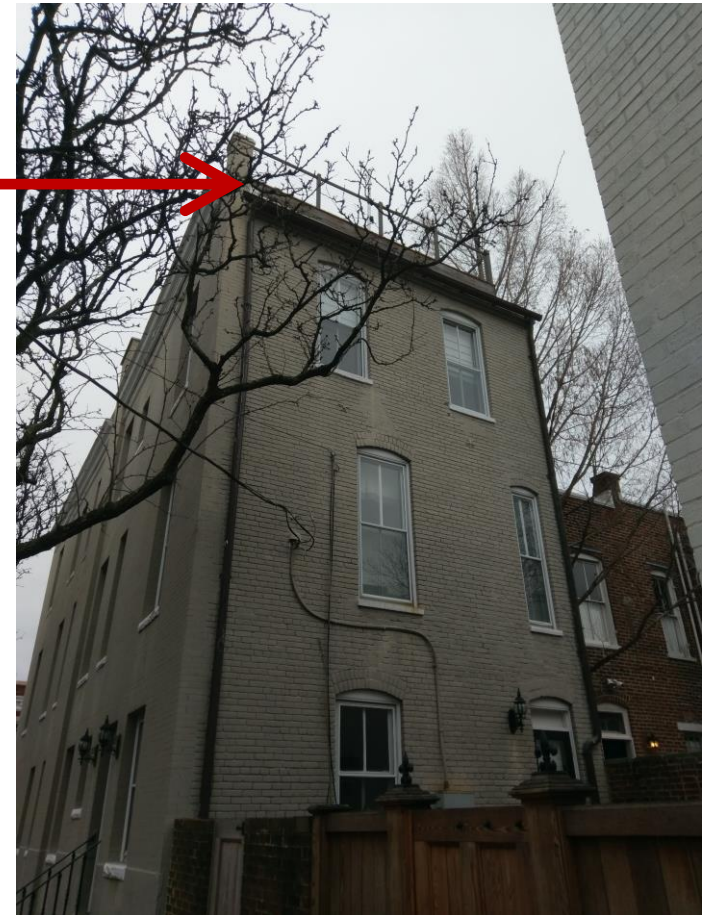
Deck view



228 N Columbus Street



Deck view



317-325 N Columbus

Deck view



1015 King Street



Deck view



1221 Prince Street



Deck view



1228 Prince Street



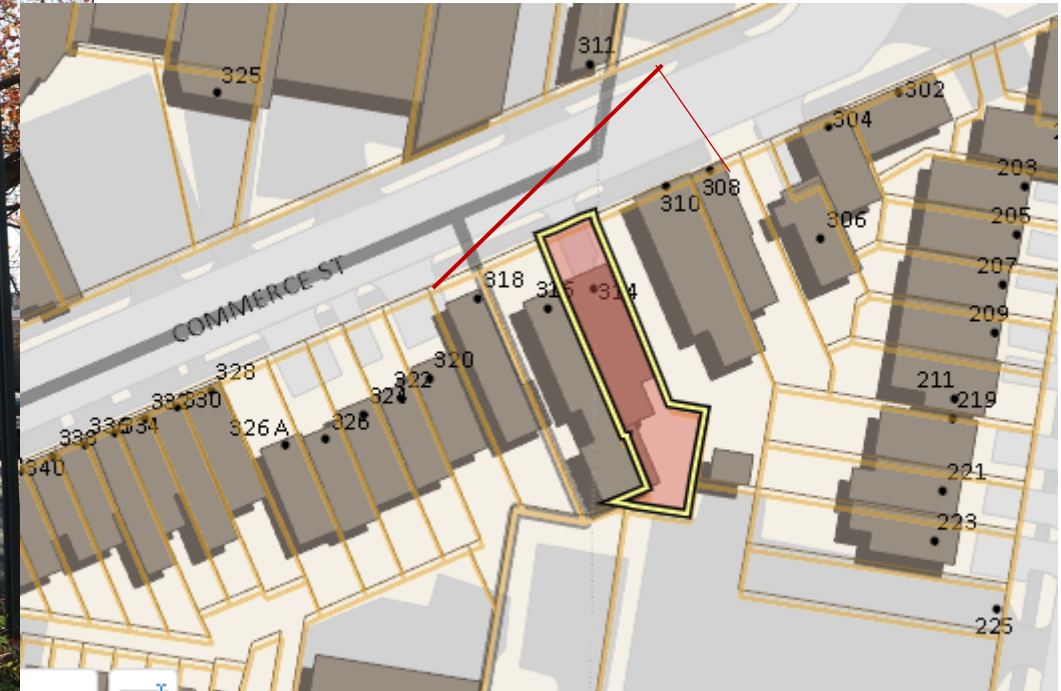
Deck view



314 Commerce street surrounded by Historic homes



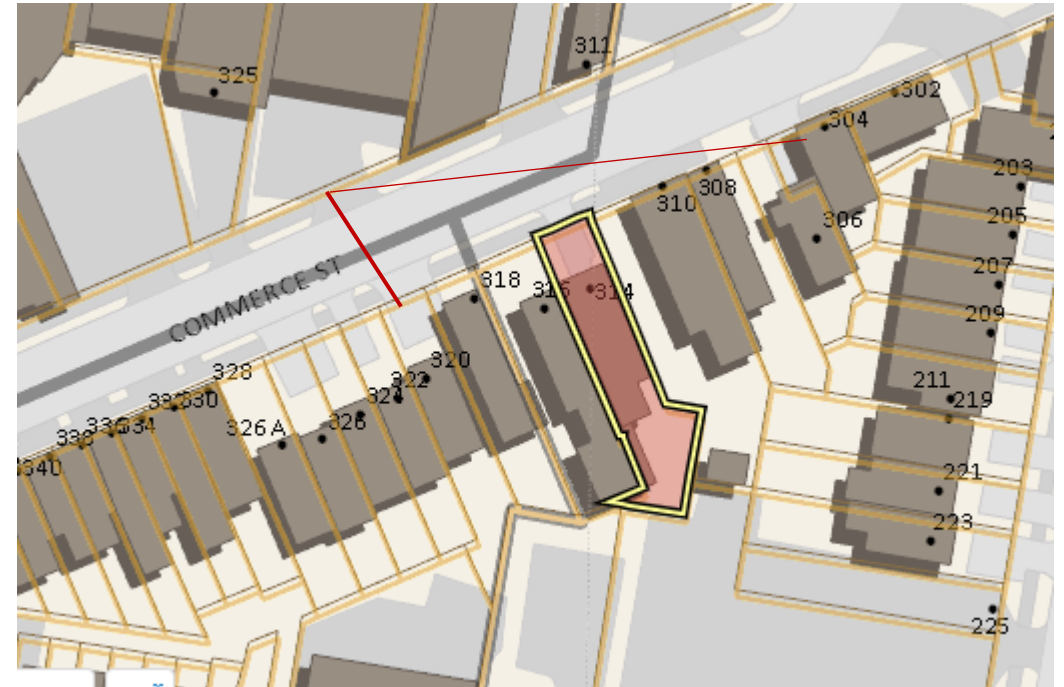
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314 Commerce with historic homes on either side



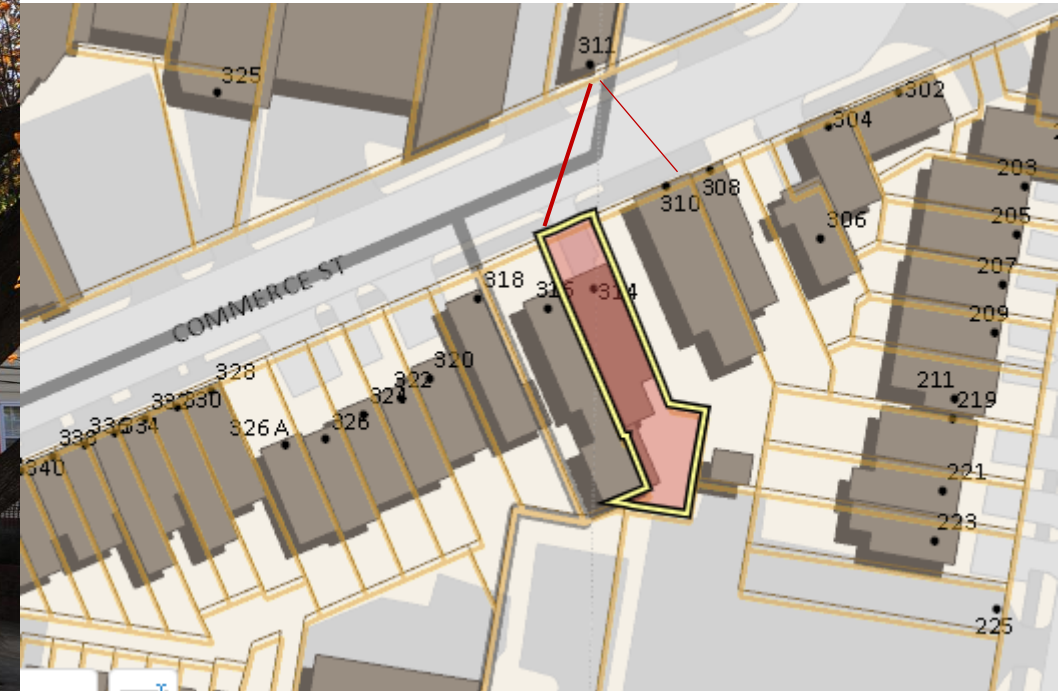
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View of proposed deck from Commerce



Camera angle



View of proposed deck from S West Street

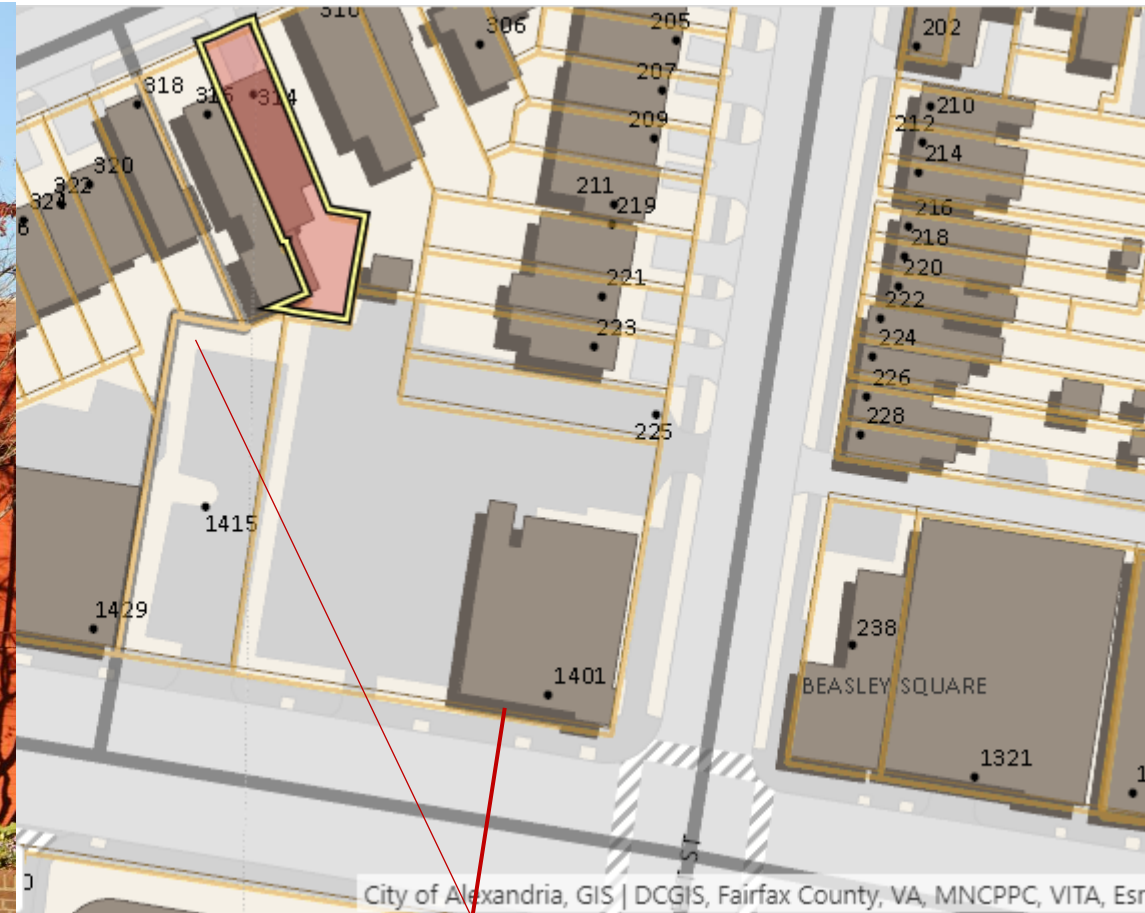
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View of proposed deck from Duke Street

Historic Shiloh Baptist Church

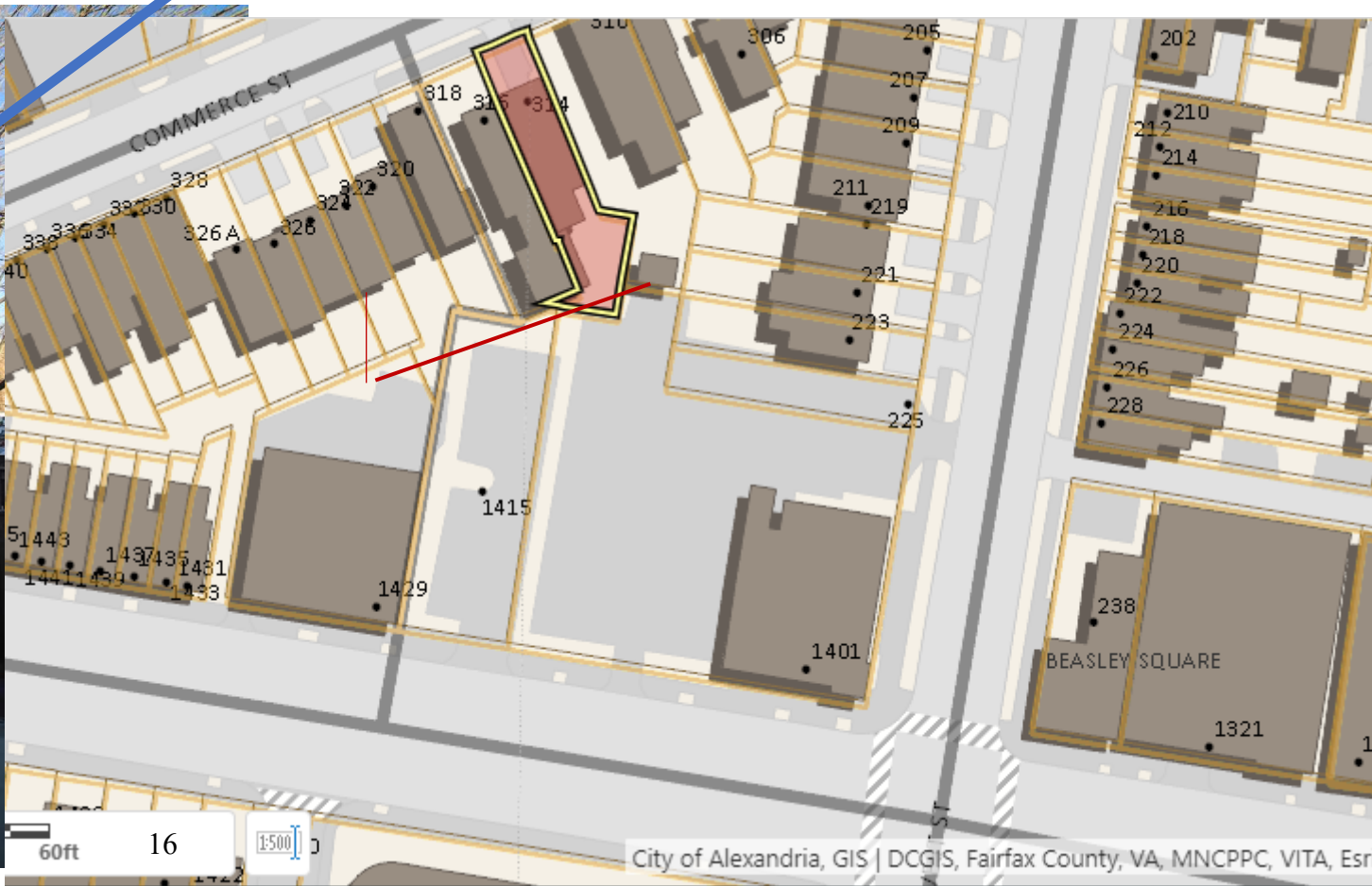
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Notice other modern homes with sliding glass doors and no deck on the second floor.

Proposed deck

Camera angle

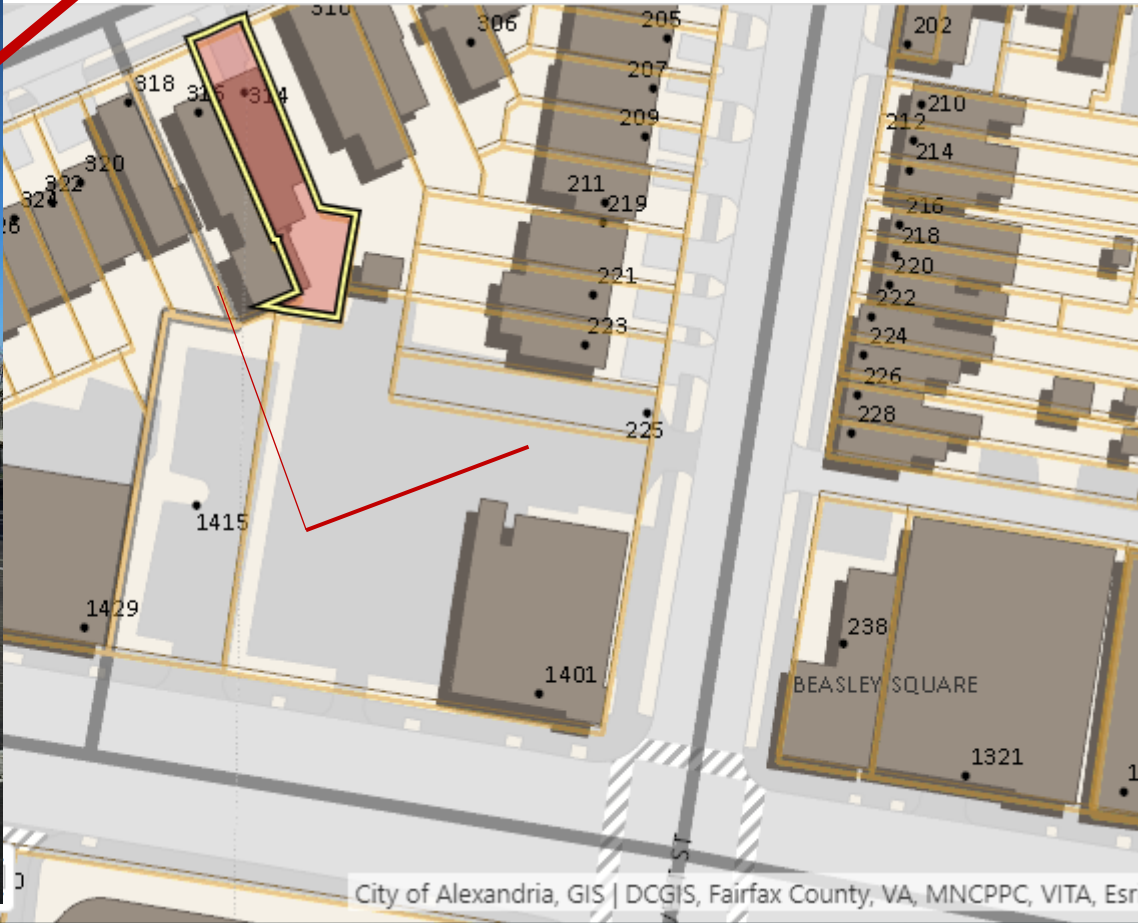


Driving by on Duke street this is what is seen

Proposed deck

Notice other modern homes with no deck on the second floor.

Camera angle



Back on 314 Commerce street with the historic home 316 Commerce Street. The Proposed deck will be at level with the roof of the historic home.



From: [Jane Gardner](#)
To: [Lia Niebauer](#)
Cc: [PCZoning](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]very concerned about deck addition proposal in neighborhood near S. West Street
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:53:39 PM

Ms. Niebauer:

I received a notice from “your neighbor” (no name provided) late yesterday regarding a nearby neighbor (no name or address cited in notice) planning to add a deck to the back of his/her home and to respond today, July 7, if concerned. Yes, I am very concerned if plans are for adding a deck to one of the townhomes on S. West Street, particularly those homes facing westward, and am opposed to this deck addition and all future proposals that would be above the fence line providing a view into other neighbors' back patios areas.

I live at 211 S. West Street and everyone on my side of the street has a fenced-in, brick patio of varying sizes with well-maintained flowerbeds and shrubs. The neighborhood is quite and peaceful; and when we are outside enjoying our patios, we are mindful of respecting each other's privacy. Too, I have worked over the years improving my back patio by having a stone patio and brick sidewalk laid, removing a dead tree, and adding a flowering tree. Needless-to-say, I have spent a great deal of research time, energy, and money improving my back patio and do not want to see a deck added to the back of a nearby neighbor's home rising above the fence line that would provide a view into neighbors' back patios destroying their well-earned privacy and peace.

Currently, there are no decks on the back of the townhomes on S. West Street, facing westward, and, I strongly oppose this addition of a deck, and all future such proposals, on the back of a proposed townhome, or any townhome, on S. West Street. Also, I believe the privacy provided by patios of the current owners of townhomes on S. West Street was a selling feature, and I do not want to see this privacy taken away. I fear if this proposal were passed it would mean more of such proposals and countless ongoing parties.

Please, please do not pass the plans for adding a deck to the back of said townhome on S. West Street. Please do not let this happen to our lovely peaceful neighborhood!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Gardner
703-836-5333

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