

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HARLB Case 13-02 (HP1300002)



A request by Colonial Village III to remove two (2) pear trees and plant replacement trees.

For DRC (*circle those present*): **Robert Dudka, Charles Craig, Charles Matta**, Darren Hannabass,

For Arlington County (*circle those present*): Cynthia Liccese-Torres, **Rebecca Ballo**

Case #13 - 2 Agenda Item # No 2

Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s): Colonial Village III

For Applicant(s): Dennis Gerrity

(See attached application for applicant, address, name of property and property description, drawings, photographs, and proposed scope of work.)

Design Recommendations:

1. Ok with proposed plant list.

2.

3.

4.

Findings:

Return to next DRC meeting

Send to HALRB (see below for recommended actions)

If sent to HALRB, recommended action is:

Place on consent agenda

Place on discussion agenda:

Recommend approval of CoA, with DRC design recommendations and/or additional information provided

Recommend deferral of ruling on CoA (explanation):

Recommend denial of CoA (explanation):

No recommendation.



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: HALRB
FROM: Rebecca Ballo
DATE: February 13, 2013
SUBJECT: 1728 North Queens Lane Common Areas, Case 13-02, Colonial Village Historic District

This is a request to remove two pear trees from the common area surrounding 1728 North Queens Lane in the Colonial Village Historic District. The pear trees in question require constant pruning, and are growing into the sides of the building. Due to their size, removal will require a CoA from the HALRB. They are not a desirable tree species from the Arlington County perspective, and are not native to the area. The County's Urban Forester, Vincent Verweij, assessed the trees on January 23, 2013 and filed the following brief report:

The tree on the east side of the building is about 18 inches, and is in poor health. It has split off one branch, and is not doing well. [It is] Still alive, however.

The tree on the west side is about 15 inches, and in fair health. That being said, given the proximity to the building, I do not think it unwise to remove this tree.

The applicant has agreed to plant two replacement trees within the common areas and is considering Sweetgum or Hophornbeam. The County's arborist found these to be desirable species.

The DRC recommended approval of this application and asked that this case be placed on the consent agenda for the February 20, 2013, HALRB meeting. Staff also recommends approval.