



**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** HALRB  
**FROM:** Rebecca Ballo, Historic Preservation Planner  
**DATE:** November 12, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** 4108 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, Case 13-30, Buckingham Village Historic District

This is a request to install six directional signs in the Gates of Ballston portion of the Buckingham Village Historic District. The signs would be located in the following locations:

- Northeast corner of intersection of North Henderson Street and North Thomas Street;
- Northwest corner of intersection of North Thomas Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street North;
- Northwest corner of intersection of North Thomas Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Road North;
- Two locations along the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street North adjacent to the surface parking areas as per the attached location map; and the
- Southeast corner of intersection of North Pershing Drive and North Thomas Street.

All the signs will be made of wood and will be mounted on wood posts, set into 24” concrete footers. The signs are replacing existing directional signs. The signs will read “Gates of Ballston, Leasing Center, 703-875-8600” and will include directional arrows. The signs will measure 8 square feet (42” x 28”) and the posts will be no higher than 51”. Neither staff nor DRC had issues with the proposal.

The DRC recommended approval of this application and asked that this case be placed on the consent agenda for the November 20, 2013, HALRB meeting. Staff concurs with the recommendation and finds that the application meets the intent of the *Buckingham Village Design Guidelines*.