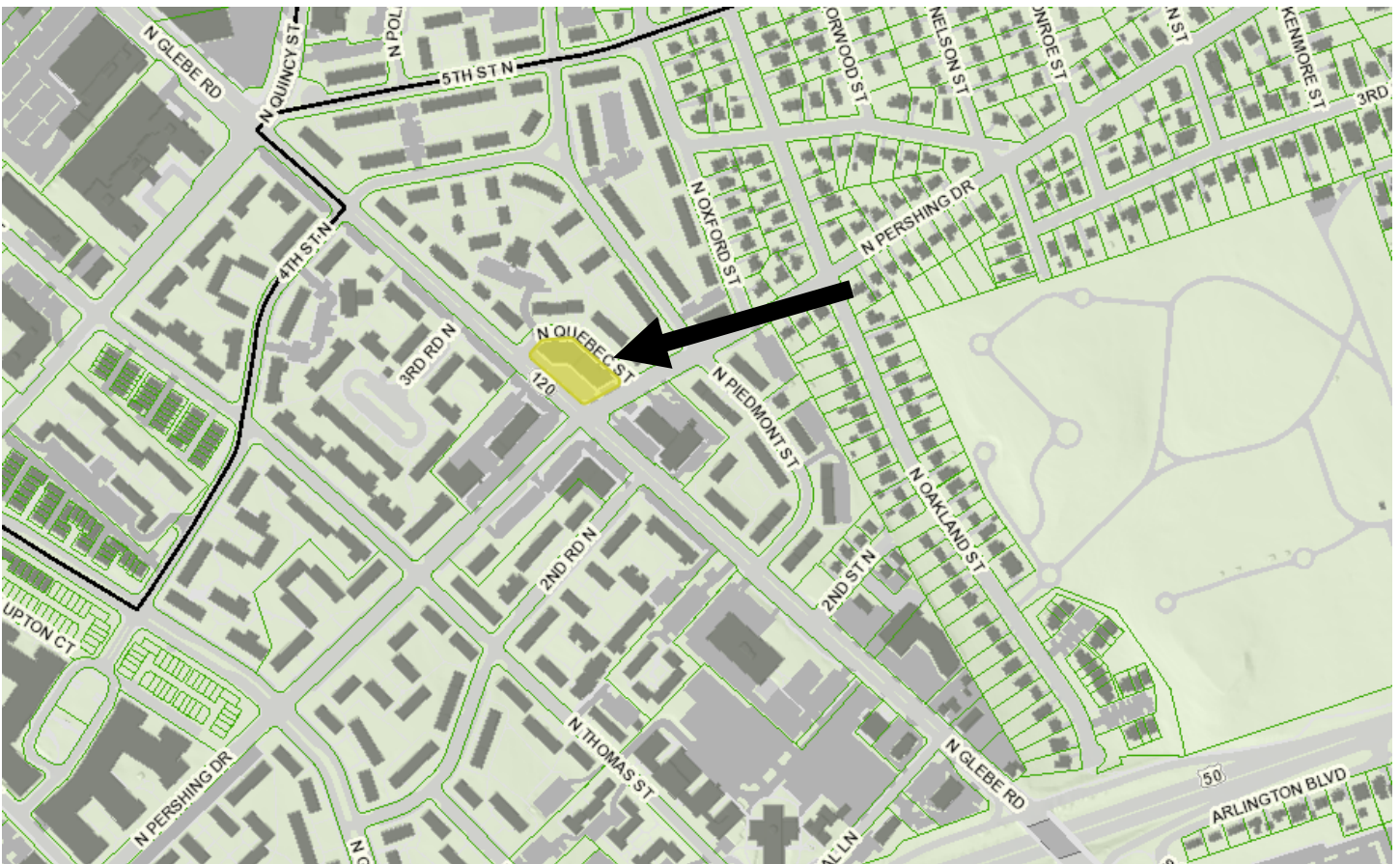


# Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 15-20 (HP1500038)



A request by Hugo Palma, representative of the tenant of 303 North Glebe Road, in the Buckingham Historic District, to install new neon signage.

For DRC (*circle those present*): **Robert Dudka, Charles Craig, Charles Matta, Andrew Wenchel, Tova Solo, Joan Lawrence**

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

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Case # 15-21 Agenda Item # 5

Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s):

For Applicant(s): Hugo Palma

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

Design Recommendations:

1. Follow Buckingham Village Design Guidelines or existing condition.

**Findings:**

Return to next DRC meeting

Send to HALRB

**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.

To: HALRB  
 From: John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner  
 Date: November 10, 2015  
 Subject: 303 North Glebe Road, CoA 15-21, Buckingham Village Historic District

Designed by Henry Wright, Allan Kamstra, and Albert Lueders, Buckingham Shopping Center was built as a component of the planned residential community of Buckingham Village. The one-story shopping center and adjacent two-story theater (now the Post Office) located at 237 North Glebe Road opened in 1939. The one-story building consists of concrete block construction with brick veneer and has a flat roof highlighted by a parapet wall with stone coping. The design features minimal architectural details and large storefront windows. The property is a contributing resource to the Buckingham Village National Register Historic District.

The tenant of the subject space requests to replace the existing neon signage to read “Ravi Chatkhara.” The signage differs from the *Neon Signage Guidelines for the Buckingham Shopping Center*, but matches the existing condition of the sign and adjacent signs. See below for compliance variations.

Neon Sign Guidelines	Subject Proposal	Notes
<b>1. All sign face plate will be 20” high.</b>	Sign face plate will be 18” high.	The applicant measured the height of the existing signage and confirmed that the adjacent sign face plates are 18” high.
<b>2. All sign face plates to be installed 6” above the top of the awning.</b>	Sign face plate will be 18” above the top of the awning.	The applicant measured the existing signage and confirmed that the face plates are 18” above the awning.
<b>3. All sign boxes will be 4” deep.</b>	Sign boxes will be 6” deep.	The applicant measured the existing signage and confirmed that the boxes are 6” deep.

The DRC reviewed this case at its November 2015 meeting. Staff and the DRC ensured that the application complied with the *Neon Signage Guidelines for the Buckingham Shopping Center*. For any variations from the guidelines, the committee confirmed that the proposal matches the existing conditions of the conforming signage. The DRC recommended that the application be placed on the consent agenda for the November 18, 2015, HALRB meeting. Staff finds that this request meets the *Neon Signage Guidelines for the Buckingham Shopping Center* and recommends approval.