

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 17-12 (HP1700022)



A request by Timothy Horner, representative of the owner of 3900 Lee Highway in the Cherrydale Fire House Historic District, to install a flag pole.

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

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

Case # 17-12 Agenda Item # 1

Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s): Timothy Horner

For Applicant(s):

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

Design Recommendations:

1. No comments.

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.



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: HALRB
FROM: John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: June 14, 2017
SUBJECT: 3900 Lee Highway, CoA Case 17-12, Cherrydale Volunteer Fire House Historic District

Background Information

The Cherrydale Volunteer Fire House, located at 3900 Lee Highway, was constructed in 1919. The building has been used as a fire house, community center, and specialty store for the Cherrydale neighborhood. The Colonial Revival style structure is characterized by a hipped roof, gabled dormers, belt courses, and jack-arched lintels. The slightly polygonal-shaped building is two-and-a-half stories in height with its hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles. Set upon a brick foundation, the building is three bays wide and six bays deep. The masonry-constructed building is veneered in brick, laid in five-course American bond on the side and rear elevations. The primary façade has been faced with a veneer of all-stretcher bond brick, ornamented with belt courses. The walls of the building are pierced by segmentally arched window openings, a large garage door, and a commercial-style entry. The second story of the façade is pierced by three equally spaced, segmentally arched openings. The openings contain 6/1 double-hung, wood sash windows with brick sills. A granite cornerstone, set at the northeast corner, has been engraved with "C.V.F.D. A.D. 1919." A granite nameplate, reading "VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT," has been placed between the first and second stories of the facade. The roof is detailed with an overhanging eave, exposed rafters, and gabled dormers. Two slender interior brick chimneys with corbeling project from the roof.

In 2003, the fire house was listed as a contributing resource to the Cherrydale National Register Historic District. It also was listed individually in the National Register in 1995.

Proposal

The applicant proposes to remove the existing flagpole attached to the façade of the building and install a new 25' freestanding aluminum flagpole in the front of the building (adjacent to the County historic marker).

DRC Review

The DRC heard this application in June 2017 and had no comments. The DRC recommended that this application be placed on the consent agenda for the June 21, 2017, HALRB hearing.

Recommendation

The removal of the existing flagpole attached to the façade would remove a non-historic element from the building. A freestanding flagpole is compatible with the use of the firehouse and could be removed at a later date without negatively impacting the building or site. Staff recommends approval of the application as the proposed flagpole meets the intent of Standards #9 and #10 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Standard #10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.