



Staff Report
City of Richmond, Virginia



Commission of Architectural Review

COA-094562-2021	Final Review	Meeting Date: 7/27/2021
Applicant/Petitioner	Somporn Kiatsuranon – My Noodle	
Project Description	Construct a new enclosed outdoor seating area and unenclosed outdoor seating area.	
Project Location		
Address: 1600 Monument Ave.		
Historic District: Monument Avenue		
High-Level Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant proposes to enclose an existing outdoor seating area with lightweight polycarbonate panels and wooden-framed covered canopy. The applicant proposes to construct a new unenclosed outdoor seating area with an outdoor bar, seating wall and gate. The seating wall is painted metal framing with wood style decking. Staff notes that this work has already been completed 		
Staff Recommendation	Approval, with Conditions	
Staff Contact	Rich Saunders, Land Use Administration, 804-646-5648, Richard.Saunders@richmondgov.com	
Previous Reviews	A Certificate of Appropriateness application was applied for by the same applicant for a metal picket fence and concrete patio and was presented at the July 22, 2014 meeting. The Certificate of Appropriateness was approved with the condition that staff approve the stain color for the wooden counter attached to the new fence.	
Conditions for Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The translucent polycarbonate panels for the enclosed outside seating area be removed or replaced with a less permanent screen that can be easily removed when not in use, as administratively approved by staff. That the wood framing for the enclosed patio be opaquely stained neutral stain that complements the historic building. That the taller metal framing for the unenclosed outside seating area be removed. That the decking for the seating wall in the outside seating area be painted a neutral color that complements the main building as administratively approved by staff. 	

Staff Analysis

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
<p>Fences & Walls, pg. 78, #s3, 6, 7</p>	<p><i>3. If not original to a site, new street-front fences, walls, and gates should be compatible with the historic structure in design, materials, and location, and should be based on physical or documentary evidence from the site. In instances where physical or documentary evidence does not exist, the proposed fence, wall, or gate should be compatible in design, materials, and location, and should look to precedent on the block face or block face opposite, or within the district, but not outside the district. By following this guidance, in some circumstances, permission for new fences, walls, or gates may be granted.</i></p> <p><i>6. A new fence or wall should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the District.</i></p> <p><i>7. Fences in Old and Historic Districts located along main thoroughfares shall be painted or opaquely stained a color or colors complementary to the main structure</i></p>	<p>The applicant proposes to enclose an existing outside seating area with lightweight polycarbonate panels that are translucent and a wooden framed covered canopy. A new unenclosed outside seating area is proposed with seating walls that have painted metal framing with a composite wood style decking.</p> <p>Staff recommends that the wood framing for the enclosed patio be opaquely stained neutral stain that complements the historic building.</p> <p>Staff recommends that the translucent polycarbonate panels for the enclosed outside seating area be removed or replaced with a less permanent screen that can be easily removed when not in use. Staff feels that the panels are not compatible with other walls or fences within the district.</p> <p>Staff recommends that the decking for the seating wall in the outside seating area be painted a neutral color that complements the main building as administratively approved by staff.</p> <p>Staff finds that the taller metal framing is not in keeping with designs found in the district nor is it compatible with the main structure. Therefore, staff recommends that the taller metal framing be removed.</p>
<p>Standards for Site Improvements, pg. 76</p>	<p><i>Streetscape elements are the most public aspects of any historic district, and as such they belong to the community as a whole. Therefore, it is particularly important that these elements support and reinforce, rather than detract from, the overall historic character of the district. In general, the more public the site feature, and the more closely located to the front of the site, the more strongly compatible historic design will be encouraged.</i></p>	<p>Staff does not feel that the translucent polycarbonate panels for the enclosed outside seating area are compatible with the overall historic character of the district. Therefore, staff recommends that the translucent polycarbonate panels for the enclosed outside seating area be removed or replaced with a less permanent screen that can be easily removed when not in use.</p> <p>Staff finds that the taller metal framing for the unenclosed outside seating area detracts from the historic character of the district. Therefore, staff recommends that the taller metal framing be removed.</p>

Figures

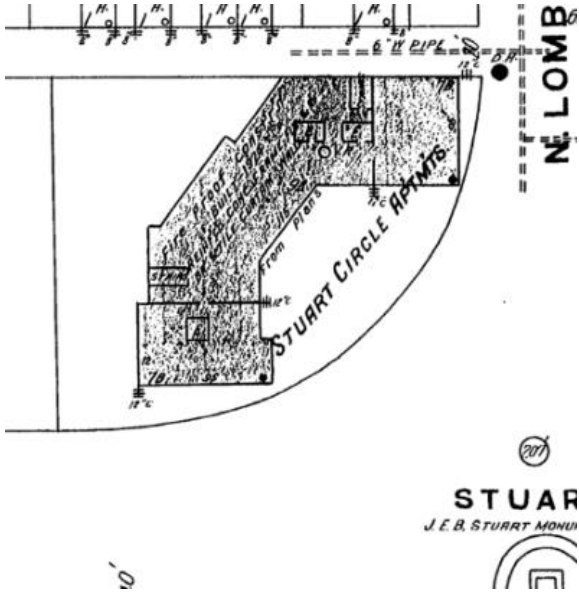


Figure 1. 1924-1925 Sanborn Map

Figure 2. Existing front elevation of patio.



Figure 3. Existing side elevation.



Figure 4. Historic photo ca. 1990s that shows building before 1st floor restaurant conversion.



Figure 5. Existing front elevation.

Figure 6. Existing side elevation.