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Re: Applications to the Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Review

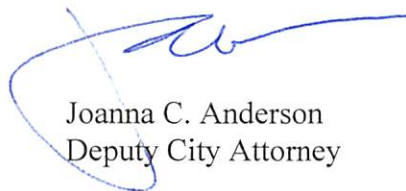
Dear Ms. Johnston:

Thank you for your letter dated August 11, 2016.

It has been and will continue to be the City of Alexandria's practice to request that an applicant to its Boards of Architectural Review ("BAR") obtain the consent of an easement holder before a matter is considered by the BAR. The purpose of doing so is to make the process more efficient, in that the applicant would not have to make two applications to the BAR if the easement holder's consent was not obtained in advance of an application being made.

Although, the City will continue to seek the consent of an easement holder, the BAR cannot refuse to consider an application if it does not include an easement holder's consent. This is because the BAR is not empowered to enforce easements on behalf of easement holders. The BAR's power is limited to those conferred upon it by the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Al Cox, Historic Preservation Manager