

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2014 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Board of Architectural Review was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room.

Mrs. White, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Betsy White  
Mrs. Jayne Duehring  
Mr. Peyton Boyd  
Mr. S. Andrew Neese

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Byrum Geisler

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager  
Director of Planning/Zoning  
Mr. Sean C. Taylor, Assistant Town Planner  
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Ms. Rebecca Moody, Environmental Planner/  
Sustainability Coordinator (Absent)  
Mr. C. J. McGlothlin, Code Enforcement Officer  
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Administrative Assistant: Planning,  
Public Works, Public Services (Absent)

Visitors: Mr. Rick Blevins  
Mrs. Laura Blevins  
Mr. James Bundy  
Mr. Santiago Figaredo  
Mrs. Jan Hurt  
Mr. J. D. Morefield

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(2) Approval of minutes: Regular meeting, March 5, 2014.

Approved as presented. Mr. Neese abstained as this meeting took place prior to the beginning of his term.

Special meeting, March 19, 2014.

Approved as presented.

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(3) Reorganization: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Tabled until the next meeting.

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(4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – Rick and Laura Blevins, Applicants/Owners, 289 West Valley Street, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of new construction to be located at 289 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 011 (5) 109.

Mrs. Blevins introduced their patio and landscape plan which includes a 13' 6" x 13' 6" covered pavilion, replacing an existing wall, and replacing the stairs leading out from the back of the home. The new wall will be set back about 2 feet and be slightly wider than the current wall. The stairs will also be wider and shallower than the current ones. The pavilion will have a small wall around it with columns similar to those on the front of the house. The pavilion will be wood and stone veneer with hardi-shingles on the gables. It will be painted white with a standing seam metal roof. The patio will have concrete pavers.

Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mr. Neese seconded, approved unanimously. No further discussion.

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(5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – J.D. Morefield, Owner, James C. Bundy, Representative, 190 East Main Street, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to modify existing located at 190 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 013 (1) 106.

Mr. Bundy presented the application for Certificate of Appropriateness to modify the entrance to Figaredo's Bistro. Two possibilities were put forward; both include relocating the oak entrance doors currently in the building. One door will be moved to the front of the elevator lobby and one will be relocated to the stairwell entrance.

The first design idea is to glass in the curve on the front of the building to create more window space. This would be done using materials that match the existing.

The second idea is not to glass in the front, but install a handrail and add outside seating in the space, following the square property line (not the curve of the building).

In questioning which plan they are leaning towards, Mrs. White recognized that the outdoor seating area would require less alteration to the building. Mr. Figaredo acknowledged that his preference is the outdoor seating area over glassing in the curve. It was clarified that people will have to go into the restaurant in order to get into the patio.

Mrs. Hurt stated that she particularly likes the patio idea because the livelier your streetscape is, the more vibrant, appealing, and attractive your town looks.

Mr. Neese made a motion to accept the second plan, with outdoor seating and handrail, as presented. Mrs. Duehring seconded. Approved unanimously. No further discussion.

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(6) DISCUSSION – Historic Preservation Plan.


There was a continued discussion of the Historic Preservation Plan. It was mentioned that Davis Buckley will be in town and would like to meet with the Board. They will meet Tuesday, April 15, at 5:15 p.m. The Board will also have a Special meeting on Thursday, April 24, at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. C. J. McGlothlin, Code Enforcement Officer, provided an overview to the Board of his role and authority in maintenance code compliance. This entails everything from weed abatement to severe maintenance issue, and the primary aim is health, safety, and welfare. The process is as follows: notice of violation is issued, a time period is set for the violation to be remedied, if the violation is not remedied they are charged in a criminal court and a judge decides what will happen from there. Mrs. Duehring mentioned that this needs to be tied into the Preservation Plan as a tool to call upon when needed. Mr. McGlothlin’s role can be used as a bridge to prevent Demolition by Neglect by way of maintenance enforcement.

Following Mr. McGlothlin’s presentation, the Board reviewed Kalen Martin’s report and the running list of topics where they would like to spend more time.

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There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mrs. White, Acting Chairman

  
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Sean C. Taylor, Secretary