

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (BAR)  
REGULAR MEETING**

**7 January, 2003 – 1:45 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Abingdon Board of Architectural Review was held on Tuesday, 7 January 2003, at 1:45 P.M in the Municipal Building, downstairs Meeting Room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles R. Day, Chairman.

**(1) Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Mr. Charles R. Day, Chairman  
Ms. Betsy White  
Mr. Thomas C. Phillips  
Ms. Doris Shuman

Comprising a quorum of the Board

**Members Absent:** Mr. Andrew Hargroves

**Administrative Staff:** Mr. Albert C. Bradley, Director of Planning

**Visitors:** Sam Hurt, Uwe Rothe, Michael Wartella, Paulette Wartella, Chris DuMond, Carol Fields, Wayne Hayter, Pearl Hayter, Kay Bunn, and others

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On motion of Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Board of Architectural Review meetings held on 11 November 2002, 26 November 2002, and 16 December 2002 were accepted as presented.

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Mr. Sam Hurt presented copies of the latest version of Article 8 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Old and Historic Zone incorporating changes and corrections made as a result of numerous study meeting discussions in September, November and December of 2002. Mr. Hurt stated that the newest version was somewhat simplified, but contained the latest changes and corrections as well as revised sale provisions as discussed at the previous meeting. The Board discussed how to continue the revision of this district and decided to schedule a study meeting at 7:30 PM on 13 January 2003 to attempt to finalize the zoning amendments.

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**Certificate of Appropriateness – The Barter Foundation, P. O. Box 867, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of Phase I development of the Stonewall Square property on East Main Street, now known as the Barter Green. Stonewall Square, Phase I development consists of 7 new structures on this property that fronts on Main Street, Partington Place, Park Street and Church Street. Tax Map No. 12-(1)-122.**

Mr. Uwe Rothe, architect with Cain, Rash, West Architects of Kingsport, TN, stated that the Barter Foundation is currently reconstructing the Stage II building and wished to begin the approval process for this initial phase of construction plans for the Barter Green property, now known as Stonewall Square. Mr. Rothe stated that they wished conceptual approval for the development and

would bring more detailed plans of each individual structure to the Board as the development progressed. Mr. Rothe displayed a view of the new main entrance located near the corner of Main Street and Partington Place that featured a plaza space with fountain considered to be a pedestrian space, followed by steps which they termed 'the Stonewall steps' leading upwards to pedestrian spaces at the rear of the Main Street buildings and gravel parking areas. Mr. Rothe then displayed a proposed aerial view of the Church Street corner with Main Street near the existing Stage II or Playhouse building with buildings wrapping around the Main Street frontage. The Main Street frontage would have four buildings fronting directly on Main Street with two others indirectly fronting Main Street near the entrance and one other that faces Partington Place. Mr. Rothe then proceeded to briefly describe the individual buildings contained within the project. These buildings were three stories in height, containing both commercial spaces in the lower portions and residential apartments in the upper portions. Mr. Rothe stated that the buildings featured were a mix of architectural styles with each building being different in order to avoid giving the appearance of a campus. However all the proposed buildings would have roofing similar to that which is being applied to the Stage II building, meaning a steeply-pitched standing seam metal roof, green in color.

Mr. Rothe further stated that he and the Barter Foundation Board had worked hard to avoid a "vehicular square" type of development in this space in order to place emphasis on pedestrian use while still providing parking at the rear of the proposed structures for both the Stage II theatre and the main stage building. Also, the structures had been separated by varying distances in order to retain several large trees that exist at the front of the site and in order to add to the diversity.

After numerous questions, comments and other considerations by the visitors and members of the Board of Architectural Review, it was decided to withhold any further consideration of this application until the February 4 regular meeting.

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**Certificate of Appropriateness – Abingdon Internal Medicine, 322 E. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, application for Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a ramped access structure for handicapped patients. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 29 & 30**

The Board of Architectural Review considered architect's plans for the construction of a handicapped entry at 322 E. Valley Street. The ramp and entry would replace an existing entry at the west end of the structure, turning towards the front. On motion of Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Phillips this application was unanimously approved.

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The Board of Architectural Review also considered a request from **Chris C. and Ann B. Johnson, (Copper Lantern Inn)** concerning the addition at the rear of this structure. In excavating the building, they had discovered a cistern and wished to move the rear wall towards the parking area, thereby enlarging the structure by 3 feet. On motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. White, the requested 3' enlargement was unanimously approved.

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The Board of Architectural Review adjourned at 3:10 P. M. to reconvene at 7:30 PM on 13 January, 2003.

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Albert C. Bradley, Secretary