

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (BAR)  
CALLED MEETING

16 December, 2002 – 7:00 P.M.

A called meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Monday, 16 December 2002, at 5:00 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  
Mr. Andrew Hargroves

Comprising a quorum of the Board

**Members Absent:** Ms. Doris Shuman

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

**Visitors:** Mr. Sam Hurt

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The Board of Architectural Review then began the fifth of a series of discussions and study of the proposed amendments to Article 8, the Old and Historic Zoning District. The Board covered the proposed section 8-12 and section 8-13 in their entirety. The Board also reviewed, considered and approved the addition of the following, or similar, language taken directly from the City of Lynchburg's July, 2001 ordinance to the appeals provision of section 8-12:

(i) *Demolition and moving.* In addition to the right of appeal hereinafter set forth in subsection 0), the owner of an historic landmark, building or structure, the razing or demolition of which is 'subject to the provisions of subsection (g) hereof, shall, as a matter of right, be entitled to raze or demolish such landmark, building or structure provided that:

(I) The owner has applied to the city council for such right; and,

(2) The owner has for the period of time set forth in the time schedule hereinafter contained and at a price reasonably related to its fair market value as determined by the current assessment on the city assessor's records or, upon the owner's request by an appraisal committee which shall be appointed by the city council and composed of two (2) local licensed real estate brokers and a local banker, made a bona fide (specifics of which are to be determined by the HPC, which may include but not be limited to national and internet advertising) offer to sell such landmark, building or structure, and, if necessary, the land pertaining thereto, to the city, or to any person, firm, corporation, government or agency thereof, or political subdivision or agency thereof, which gives reasonable assurance that it is willing and able to preserve and restore the landmark, building or structure and the land pertaining thereto; and,

(3) That no bona fide contract, binding upon all parties thereto, shall have been executed for the sale of any landmark, building or structure, and the land pertaining thereto, prior to the expiration of the applicable

time period set forth in the time schedule hereinafter contained. Any appeal which may be taken to the court from the decision of city council, whether instituted by the owner or any other party, notwithstanding the provisions heretofore stated relating to a stay of the decision appealed from, shall not affect the right of the owner to make the bona fide offer to sell referred to above. No offer to sell shall be made more than one year after the final decision by city council, but thereafter the owner may renew his/her request to city council to approve the razing or demolition of the historic landmark, building or structure.

(4) The time schedule for offers to sell shall be as follows: three months when the offering price is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); four months when the offering price is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more but less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000); five months when the offering price is forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or more but less than fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000); six months when the offering price is fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) or more but less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000); seven months when the offering price is seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) or more but less than ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000); and twelve months when the offering price is ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) or more.

The Board of Architectural Review adjourned at 6:44 P. M. with the understanding that formal approval of the complete Historic District revision would be considered at the next regular meeting to be held on 7 January, 2003.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert C. Bradley', written in a cursive style.

Albert C. Bradley, Secretary