

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2008 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
Mr. Robert M. Howard, Vice Chairman
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Peyton Boyd

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney (at site visit)

Visitors: None

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, November 7, 2007
Regular Meeting, December 5, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Geisler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, November 7, 2007 and regular meeting, December 5, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howard, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - "Barter Theatre", Town of Abingdon, Owner, Peyton Boyd, Architect / Representative, 127 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing box office and entrance doors (1996 addition) with new entrance doors and windows located at 127 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 80.**

Mr. Boyd explained that this is a request for approval to replace existing box office in order to add more space, new entrance doors, glass windows and a lighted display case. He further stated that most of the proposed work to be completed will be interior changes, including relocating the gift shop from the east end of the entrance area to the stairway area. The proposed interior changes include relocating the gift shop from the east end area to the stairway area so that visitors will pass by merchandise upon entry. All wood trim will be painted to match existing trim. Mr. Boyd stated that the proposed changes will probably be tabled until January, 2009.

It was the consensus of the Board that that proposed changes presented would be a great improvement to the structure.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Geisler, that the proposed changes be approved as presented, subject to review by the Town Council. Dr. Owens seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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DISCUSSION

Mr. Jackson advised that surveys for the State and National Preservation Trust, showing accomplishments for the past year, have been completed and returned.

Further discussion included the importance of Board members attending scheduled meetings, also educational opportunities met by each member. It was noted that the survey, just completed, requires reporting the attendance of members for each meeting held as the Certified Local Government Program regulations do not allow more than three (3) absences. It is the responsibility of the Board to report excessive absenteeism to Town Council. Mr. Jackson stated that he is in the process of scheduling some educational sessions for the Board members to attend in the near future.

There was a brief discussion regarding "The Bundy House". It was the consensus of the Board members that the structure should be repaired rather than demolished. The Board expressed its interest in creating a local Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary