

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2006 - 5:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcoming visitors and explaining the purposes of the Board of Architectural Review.

ROLL CALL

Members Present                      Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman  
   Mr. Thomas C. Phillips  
   Mrs. Doris Shuman  
   Mr. Harry McKinney  
   Mr. Andrew Hargroves  
  
   Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent:                      None

Administrative Staff:                Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning

Visitors:                                Ms. Debbie Addison  
   Mrs. Jan Hurt  
   Mr. John Moran  
   Mr. C. Ed Bolton, Sr.,  
   Cumberland Resources Representative  
   Ms. Karen W. McClanahan  
   Mr. Charles Vess  
   Ms. Carol Jones

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(2)      Approval of Minutes:                Regular Meeting, February 1, 2006  
   Regular Meeting, January 4, 2006 (Incomplete)

Motion was made by Mr. Phillips to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, February 1, 2006, as submitted. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion. After discussion, Mr. McKinney moved to amend Mr. Phillips’ motion to correct the misspelled word on Page 06-03; Item G with the following:

**Change Page 06-04; Item G (word “MARGUEE” misspelled)**

**FROM:                G. One (1) Additional – “MARGUEE”**

**TO:                    G. One (1) Additional – “MARQUEE”**

Mr. Phillips seconded the amended motion by Mr. McKinney.

Mr. Phillips once again made a motion amending his original motion to approve the minutes of

the regular meeting, February 1, 2006, correcting the spelling on Page 06-04, as referenced. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **GSA/James Wilson (Abingdon Federal Building, HDM Associates, Inc./Paul Ghadiri, Representative**, 180 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of installation of security bollards and fence on property located at **corner of Cummings Street and West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 124.**

This application was submitted by the General Services Administration of the Abingdon Federal Building, requesting approval of black security bollards, constructed of black ductile iron, 36 inches in height, and a black wrought iron fence, 6 feet in height, to be located around entire property located at the corner of Cummings Street and West Main Street. This request is being made for the purpose of security concerns.

Mrs. Shuman stated that she had concerns regarding the proposed use by the federal building staff using the Martha Washington Inn’s entrance way for entry and exiting from the federal building. She did not feel that the entrance was wide enough for two vehicles.

After discussion, it was the decision of the Board to table this application until Mr. Jackson could contact the applicant to see the urgency of this request. If this is an urgent situation, the Board will hold a special meeting for a decision on the application, otherwise, it is the request by the Board that a representative of this application be present for the next regular meeting in order that more information might be obtained regarding the intentions of this applicant.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Main Street Property LLC, John Moran/Lewis Minton, Representatives**, 152 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of renovation for structure located at **153 West Main Street** (includes repair of wood features, repaint with same colors; repainting shutters same color, proposed landscaping and pea gravel parking lot). **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 78.**

This is a request for approval of proposed renovation for structure located at 153 West Main Street. Mr. Ed Bolton, owner of the property and Mr. Moran stated that it was their intentions to replace any repaired wood features to match the trim exactly as it should be. All new trim to be duplicated in order for the trim to have the same appearance as the original trim.

Since the application submitted did not state exactly how the proposed changes were to be made, it was the opinion of the Board members that documentation of the exact plan for the proposed renovations must be presented for review before a decision on this request could be made. It was explained to the applicant that documentation is now required for the records.

It was the decision of the Board to table this application until March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M., to reconsider this request, allowing applicant sufficient time to bring documentation to the Board of the exact proposed changes requested.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Foxglove Antiques & Etc., Karen W. McClanahan, Representative**, 112 Court Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign to be located on structure located at **112 Court Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 62.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) sign to be located on structure located at 112 Court Street. The size of the proposed double-faced sign will be 27 in. x 17 in., having cream colored background, with burgundy letter and border. The sign will be mounted on metal bracket above main entrance of doors. The sign will read **“Foxglove Antiques & Etc.”**

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the sign be approved. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Barter Theatre Foundation, Inc. dba Barter Theatre, Debbie Addison, Representative**, P. O. Box 867, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of water sculpture to be located near intersection of West Main Street and Partington Place; also requesting approval of one (1) sign (sign was tabled at meeting held February 1, 2006). **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 122.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) sign (sign was tabled at meeting held February 1) and a water sculpture to be located near intersection of West Main Street and Partington Place.

At the February 1, 2006 meeting, Ms. Debbie Addison, representing the Barter Theatre Foundation, Inc. presented a request for one (1) additional “Marquee” sign for approval. This was one of several signs considered for approval, for the Barter Theatre, at that meeting. This requested sign was to be the same type of sign as the previously approved existing sign, to be mounted on 4 in. x 4 in. salt tread wooden posts, painted white. At the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Board asked Ms. Addison to take the suggestions and ideas presented by the Board, and decide how to best use this particular sign and to return to the Board with an amended proposal.

The amended request for the proposed sign is the same sign, with the elimination of the previously included “Marquee”. The new proposed sandblasted sign will be located at the northeast corner of property (West Main Street/Church Street), with size being 48 in. x 36 in., having white background, burgundy lettering, with raised border painted teal. The sign will be mounted on 4 in. x 4 in., salt treated wooden posts, painted white. The sign will read **“BARTER STAGE & The Café BARTER STATE II”**

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the sign be approved, as amended. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

The second request from the Barter Theatre Foundation, Inc. was requesting approval of a water sculpture to be located near intersection of West Main Street and Partington Place. The proposed water sculpture will be constructed of a 5 ft. bronze base with cut granite blocks to form a water pool approximately 10 in. in depth, to include a number of miscellaneous bronze features such as fairy, mask, puck figure, birds, ivy leaves, turtle, and foxes and rabbits.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the water sculpture be approved, as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) **WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness - Waterford Properties, LLC, Robert and Carol Jones, Owners/Representatives, 120 Court Street, S.E., Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace area of damaged roof and shingles causing water damage to inside of structure located at 223 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 14. (NOTE: applicant will apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness at a later date to repair/replace entire roof).**

Mr. Jackson stated that Carol Turner, Contractor, tried to obtain a building permit and the Building Inspector contacted Mr. Jackson indicating that this was an emergency situation whereas water was entering the house and doing damage to the inside of the structure. The roofline had both, shingles and strips of tin on it. It was evident that water had totally damaged the braces of the roof and after seeing it, due to the circumstances, Mr. Jackson waived the Certificate of Appropriateness for the damaged repairs. He has explained the circumstances on the WAIVER.

Since the repairs have been made, Ms. Jones has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness today, requesting approval to replace all roofing materials, replacement of existing windows

Requesting approval to replace all roofing materials and due to deterioration, replace storm windows with vinyl trimmed window, encased with aluminum. The structure was built in approximately 1937.

There were concerns by the Board that there might be too much deterioration to the structure, to require the applicant to replace any detailed changes according to the Guidelines. They felt that there was a possibility the changes to be made could be handled in a different manner.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table this application until the next meeting, allowing sufficient time for the Board members to visually inspect the structure before approving this request.

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- (8) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Ramsey and Betsy White, 125 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of adjustment to paint colors to be used on structure located at 133 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 10.**

This is a request for approval of adjustment to previously approved paint colors to be used on structure located at 133 West Valley Street.

The requested colors to be used are as follows:

- shingles                                      Grandmas’s Linen (green/gray)
- all wood                                      Lancaster Whitewash (dark white/gray)
- brackets                                      Mansion or Cottage Red

After discussion, it was a unanimous decision by the Board that the requested change of paint colors be approved.

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There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved that this meeting be continued on Wednesday, March 8, 2005 at 12:00 P.M.

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Betsy White, Chairman

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W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary