

The proposed construction will include removing the existing carport roof and install composite decking with white vinyl, aluminum reinforced railing. The construction will include a set of steps from parking pad up to new deck, decking for walkway to new access door in kitchen. The proposed deck will have a partial roof to extend 12 feet from back wall where existing carport roof is, using existing roof trusses and roofing to match existing. The deck will be painted either grey or wood-tone brown, guttering will be white and the new kitchen door will be painted white.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that this application be tabled until the next regular meeting, allowing the applicant to return with more detailed information regarding the proposed construction, including scaled drawings and materials to be used for the columns, balusters and railings.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Mark T. Hurt, Attorney at Law, Otis Hurt and Mark Hurt, Owners and Rhonda Hurt, Representative**, 159 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to expand the current parking lot in the rear yard and to extend the driveway to Plum Alley (requiring the removal of dead tree), with property being located at **180 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 77.**

This is a request for approval to expand the current parking lot in the rear yard and to extend the driveway to Plumb Alley requiring the removal of a dead tree.

It is proposed to expand the current parking lot in the back yard and to extend the driveway to the alley, which would require the removal of an old diseased tree that currently poses a safety hazard. The exit to the alley would enhance the safety of visitors to the office, who could exit to the alley without having to back out into the traffic on Main Street.

The proposed parking lot would be constructed of pea gravel and tar application, while preserving as much green space as possible consistent with the need to increase the parking availability and exit to the alley.

Several Board members had concerns that there was not a complete drawing with details in relation to the alley, being in compliance with the Guidelines, had not be submitted with this application.

Mr. McKinney noted that the Guidelines require that driveways connecting to Plumb Alley shall not exceed 12 ft. in width or less and that owners of property abutting on Plumb Alley are requested to reserve an 8 ft. landscaping area, beginning at right-of-way of Plumb Alley.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the request for driveway and parking in the connection of Plumb Alley, with understanding that Paragraph 52B and 52E of the Guidelines be complied with and that a drawing be submitted to Mr. Jackson, for the record, before beginning work. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness - **The Barter Foundation, Inc., dba Barter Theatre, Debbie Addison, Representative**, P. O. Box 867, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of landscaping and parking for the **Barter Stonewall Square. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 122.**

This is a request for approval of landscaping and parking area for the Barter Stonewall Square.

Mr. Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist, previously reviewed the submitted plan of plantings and the following are his recommendations:

1. The plan needs to stay from plants that have been classified as “non-native invasive” plants. The plant that sticks out from the plan is the several varieties of Bamboo. The U.S. Forest Service has several publications regarding non-native invasive plants and the problems these plants are causing to the native ecosystem. These publications even give native alternatives to the non-natives.
2. This region is a little too far north for Southern Magnolia and in my experience, has given very spotty results. I would recommend this be changed to one of the magnolias that thrive well in this cold hardiness zone (6A).
3. I am very concerned over the lack of adequate soil space in the parking islands for large growing trees such as Lacebark Elm. Some of the islands are as narrow as 5 ½ feet and once these trees reach a certain size, they will begin to fall due to the lack of available soil for its root system. If root paths cannot be established under the parking lot asphalt, I would recommend a small growing tree that can thrive in hot, dry climates.

Mr. Kiss responded to each of Mr. Sigmon’s recommendation and explained in further detail the plans presented for the Barter Stonewall Square.

There were concerns from the Board members regarding the tree stumps that remain along West Main Street, as a result of the recent tree removal. Ms. Addison stated that she would investigate the matter and see if there were plans to have the stumps removed.

After further discussion, Mr. Hargroves made a motion to approve the plans, as submitted, with the following conditions: (1) that Mr. Kiss have a conversation with Mr. Sigmon regarding the plantings and Mr. Sigmon will contact Mr. Jackson for approval of any changes to be made in the planting plans and (2) approval is contingent upon the agreement to disguise or the removal the tree stumps, preferably removal of the stumps. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Creative Technology Solutions, Inc., Sam Snead, Owner, and Wesley Harris, Representative**, 207 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of two (2) signs to be located on structure at **207 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 72.**

This is a request for approval of two (2) signs to be located on structure at 207 West Main Street.

One sign will be 24 in. x 24 in., the other sign will be 9 in. x 18 in. in size. Each of the signs will be wooden, textured material, double-faced, having grey background and border, blue and white lettering and will read “Creative Technology Solutions Computer Sales & Service”. The 24 in. x 24 in. sign will be mounted with bracket to side of building (upper level). The 9 in. x 18 in. sign will hang outside store front.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the signs be approved, as presented. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Camella’s Remember When, Carrie Galliher and Melissa Galliher, Owners/Representatives**, 165 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign to be located on structure at **165 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 58.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) sign with two (2) smaller hanging signs attached with chains. The sign will be 2 ft. x 2 ft. in size. The sign will be constructed of non-fading, non-deteriorating composite material, having the looks of wood. The sign will have white background, green border and lettering, and will read “Camella’s Remember When – Tea Parlor & Niceties – Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm”.

Mr. McKinney made a motion that the sign be approved, as presented. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(8) Discussion

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Phillips explained the recent decision of the Town Council to accept Dr. and Mrs. William Cline’s Certificate of Appropriateness, to remove the front vinyl only and refurbish the original wood for existing structure located at 108 East Valley Street. The Clines had appealed the Board’s December 7, 2005 decision. This decision by Town Council was not one of the three (3) options presented to the Town Council by the Board of Architectural Review.

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There being no further business, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Betsy White, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary