

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2007 - 5:00 P.M

A Special Called meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Monday, April 16, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mr. Garrett Jackson, Secretary, called the meeting to order. He welcomed Byrum L. Geisler and Charles M. Owens as new members to the Board of Architectural Review.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mr. Harry L. McKinney, Jr.
Mr. Byrum L. Geisler
Mr. Charles M. Owens

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman

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

Visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mittag
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kimbrell

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, December 6, 2006
Regular Meeting, January 31, 2007
(Rescheduled from February 7, 2007)

Motion was made by Mr. McKinney to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, December 6, 2006 and regular meeting, January 31, 2007, as presented. Mr. Howard seconded motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Gina and Thomas Mittag**, 143 West Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install fence with gate in backyard of property (from house to existing outbuilding in back of property, in front of existing parking area) located at **143 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (8) 8.**

This is a request for approval to install a wooden, picket fence with a copper post top, with gate in backyard of property (from house to existing outbuilding in back of property, in front of existing parking area).

Mr. McKinney stated that he did not feel that enough information had been presented with this application for review and discussion. He referred to the Guidelines, stating that each application should be documented with detailed drawings, elevations, samples, and colors to be used in order to give a better idea of the proposed project.

It was noted by Mr. Jackson that a similar fence was previously approved by the Board of Architectural Review and that it was his recommendation that the proposed fence by the applicant be approved, as presented, with a height not greater than 40 inches.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mr. McKinney that the proposed fenced be approved, subject to the low point being 38 inches, the high point being 44 inches, posts with a copper cap, and gap of 2 inches between the picket slats of fence. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval

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- (4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Gary M. and Susan M. Kimbrell**, 244 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of carport to driveway and installation of fence in backyard, on property located at **244 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 36.**

This is a request for approval to add carport to driveway, also, addition of fencing along backyard at property located at 244 Valley Street, N.E.

The proposed fencing along back yard will be a wooden picket fence, 36 inches in height; same as fence currently in place on the west side of property. The additional fencing will allow for more privacy.

The proposed carport to be added to driveway will have the style of a pergola, 24 ft. x 24 ft. in size. Echo blocks will be installed to hold pea gravel in place and footers will be put in place after asphalt is removed. The proposed pergola will have lattice roof, covered with Plexiglas with sloping roof, peaked in two directions, but peak will be hidden.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney suggested that the advice of an engineer would be advisable for the design of the Plexiglas roof to be used for the carport, enabling the roof to handle the weather elements such as heavy snow, etc., and also suggested the installation of a blending material to cover edge of the Plexiglas for a more appealing look.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Howard to approve fence as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard to approve the pergola, with lattice roof covered with Plexiglas having sloping top, subject to the stipulations and recommendations by the Board. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **EMBARQ Telephone Company**, 174 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage to be located at **174 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 1 (31) 46.**

The applicant was notified several months ago that they were in violation of the Old & Historic District Sign regulations and Certificate of Appropriateness approval when they installed a large sign on the side of the building located at 174 East Valley Street.

A representative of EMBARQ Telephone Company contacted Mr. Jackson and submitted a request for approval for a proposed sign to hang from a black metal bracket, attached to a black metal pole The size of sign will be 1 ft. x 4 in. x 2 ft. x 6 in., constructed of sandblasted figerglass or possibly, redwood, having white background, green border and black lettering

The sign will be located between the structure and south side sidewalk along Valley Street.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the signage be approved, subject to the sign conforming with Paragraph 43e of the Design Guidelines, which clearly states acceptable materials, also, removal of the existing sign. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Ramsey and Betsy White**, 125 West Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of lamp post and boxwood plantings to be located at **125 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 11.**

This is a request for approval of a lamp post and boxwood planting on the southeast corner, as well as a boxwood planting on the opposite side of the property sidewalk, located at 125 West Valley Street.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the lamp post and boxwood plantings be approved, subject to the lamp post being no more than approximately 4 ft. in height. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Select Chairman and Vice-Chairman - Board of Architectural Review

Due to a change in recent membership, there was a reorganization of the Board of Architectural Review for the selection of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Geisler made a motion that Mr. McKinney be nominated as Chairman of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. McKinney made a motion that Mr. Howard be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

W. Garrett Jackson, Chairperson

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