

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2007 - 5:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mr. Harry L. McKinney, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcoming visitors and explained the purposes of the Board of Architectural Review.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Harry L. McKinney, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Robert M. Howard
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: Ms. Robin Wilson
Mr. Stephen Richardson
Ms. Quinn Craughwell

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, March 7, 2007
(*Minutes incomplete*)
Special Meeting, April 16, 2007
(*Minutes enclosed*)

Motion was made by Dr. Owens to approve the minutes of the special meeting, April 16, 2007, as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Johnston Memorial Hospital (Johnston Memorial Hospital Diagnostic Sleep Center), Robin Wilson, Director of Cardio Pulmonary/Representative, 322 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of sign to be located at 322 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 30.**

This is a request for approval of sign to be located at 322 East Valley Street. The proposed 36 in. x 48 in. sign, will have sandblasted look with “off-white” background, “blue” lettering and border. The sign will be mounted on wooden post, to be painted white, to match sign and will read:

**JOHNSTON MEMORIAL
SLEEP MEDICINE CENTER
A PARTNERSHIP WITH MEDIAS, INC.**

After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Owens that the sign be approved, subject to the size of the sign being no more than 4 square feet. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Washington County Board of Supervisors (Washington County Courthouse), Stephen Richardson, Representative, 181 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to cut opening and install two (2) windows in structure located at 181 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 60.**

This is a request for approval to cut opening and install two (2) windows in structure located at 181 East Main Street.

Washington County acquired this property several years ago; an after having several different uses for the structure, the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office has expanded for more personnel and there is a need for more office space. The windows will match, as close as possible, the windows that were used in the 1991 edition of the Courthouse.

After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Owens that the request for the two window openings be approved, subject the windows being repeated like the narrow window on the left, repeating twice, with picture attached, double hung, divided light windows, matching Courthouse, to include brick lentil header and seal, similar to Courthouse construction, and if need be, the applicant will return to the Board of Architectural for further review. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - John Legard (Estate of Ruth Legard), Quinn Craughwell, Representative, 179 West Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of the following: (1) removal of front steps at house and adjoining walls (2) reconstruct front steps (3) construct new landing at steps, with installation of wood railing around front porch area, and (4) plantings for front yard, with property being located at 179 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (6) 3A. (This house was constructed in 1900).**

This is a request to remove existing steps at house and adjoining walls, eliminating walls, and reconstruct front steps and landing, with addition of wood railing around front porch area, also, approval for plantings to be located in front yard of property located at 179 West Valley Street.

The front steps will be replaced with a blue stone tread and riser, with walls behind steps being brick. Blue stone will be used at landing and bottom of steps.

The proposed wood railing around front porch and on each side of steps will be painted white, will be square pickets having three-inch spacing and will be 36 inches in height.

The proposed plantings will be located along front porch, consisting of clusters of three (3) "English Boxwood", in various sizes, with "Deutzia Hedge" and "Dwarf Boxwood". Along front retaining wall, plantings of "Yew Hedging, to be maintained at 3 ft. to 4 ft. in height, with "Cotoneaster" to cascade over wall. Trees to be planted in the front yard will include one (1) "Yellowwood" and one (1) "Dogwood".

After discussion, Dr. Owens made motion to approve application, as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Mr. Jackson introduced John Powers, Code Appliance Officer, to the Board of Architectural Review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Harry L. McKinney, Jr., Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary