

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2008 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, June 4, 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. Taylor 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. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning
Ms. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Mr. Garrett Jackson, Director Planning/Zoning(Absent)

Visitors: Mrs. Jan Hurt
Mr. Sam Hurt
Mr. Daniel H. Caldwell

(2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, May 7, 2008

Mr. Howard made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, May 7, 2008, be approved. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **J. D. Morefield, Owner**, 190 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; and **Matthew Bundy, Representative**; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval to replace existing roof, repaint trim, and construct covered entrances and columns for existing structure **located at 310 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 11 (1) 99.**

This application is requesting approval to replace existing roof, repaint trim, and construct covered entrances and columns for existing structure located at 310 West Valley Street.

The proposed shingle roof will be dark brown in color, with trim to be Cream and Porpoise in color.

After discussion, Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve all requests as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS** - **Sam F. and Jan Hurt, Owner**, 247 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; and Court Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replicate original porch rail, rebuild front steps, and repaint all trim on existing structure **located at 247 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 17.**

This application is requesting approval to replicate original porch rail, rebuild front steps, repaint all trim, with all wood trim to be painted White in color and, possibly, replace lattice work on existing structure located at 247 Valley Street. N.E.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that all requests be approved as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

VOTE:

- Mr. Geisler Aye
- Mr. Howard Aye
- Mr. Owens Aye
- Mr. Boyd Abstained

The motion passed.

- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS** - **Daniel H. Caldwell, Owner**, 200 Pecan Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace missing wrought iron fence and install wooden driveway gate on property **located at 200 Pecan Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 47.**

This is a request for approval to replace missing wrought iron fence and install wooden driveway gate on property located at 200 Pecan Street.

The proposed fence will be metal, Black in color and will be steel/iron constructed to replicate, As closely as possible, the existing metal fence. The posts will have to be slightly modified, using 3-inch square steel posts instead of the original base anchor and the finial will be different due to the original designs not being available.

The proposed driveway gate will be wooden and will be similar to the existing wooden fence.

After discussion, some suggestions were made by board members that Mr. Caldwell will explore. Mr. Geisler made a motion that the wrought iron fence and wooden driveway gate be approved as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

- (6) **DISCUSSION** - **Real Estate Rehabilitation Program**

There was a lengthy discussion, with several suggestions by members of the Board, regarding the Real Estate Rehabilitation Program. The preservation of historic buildings benefits communities. Historic places connect us to our heritage and enrich the quality of our lives in countless intangible ways, but their preservation also provides economic benefits. Through the federal and state Rehabilitation Tax Credit programs, property owners are given substantial incentives for private investment in preservation, resulting in enormous advantages to the public.

Both federal and state tax credit programs are administered in Virginia through the Department of Historic Resources.

State tax credits are available for owner-occupied, as well as income-producing buildings; many Certified Local Governments (CLG) in Virginia have their own Local Tax Credits for locally designated historic districts. It is the goal of the Planning Department and Historic District residents in Town to create such a program for Abingdon.

The staff has been requested by Board member Councilman Robert Howard to gather information on these programs to begin discussions on creating an Abingdon Local Tax credit program.

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Mr. Howard stated that this would be the last meeting that he would be serving as a member of the Board of Architectural Review. He expressed his appreciation for being allowed to serve on the Board. The Board thanked him for his interest and hard work that he has shown while being a member of the Board.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary