

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2005 - 1:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 1:00 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
 Mr. Harry L. McKinney
 Mrs. Doris Shuman

 Comprising a quorum of the Board
- Members Absent: Mr. Andrew Hargroves
- Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
 Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Town Attorney
- Visitors: Mrs. Gwen Campbell
 Mr. Dan Kegley
 Mr. Frank Canter
 Judge Randall Lowe
 Major Blake Andis
 Mr. Gary Kimbrell

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 1, 2005
 Regular Meeting, July 6, 2005

It was noted that the minutes for the regular meeting, June 1, 2005 and the regular meeting, July 6, 2005 were incomplete at this time due to malfunction of transcribing devices.

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- (3) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Bobby and Gwen Campbell, 118 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of the following: (1) change color of lattice work at rear of structure from green to white and (2) removal of one (1) boxwood shrubbery from front porch area for property located at 118 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 54.**

This is a request for approval to change color of lattice work at rear of structure, from green to white, and the removal of one (1) boxwood shrubbery from front porch area.

Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the request to change color of lattice work at rear of structure, from green to white, be approved. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the request to remove one (1) boxwood shrubbery from front porch area be approved. Mr. Phillips 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, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed picket fence to be located on all sides of yard, except front yard, with property being located at 244 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No.**

This is a request for approval of proposed picket fence to be located on all sides of yard of property, except front yard, with property being located at 244 Valley Street, N.E., except front yard.

The proposed fence will be a wooden picket fence to outline a portion of both side yards. The fence will be painted white and will be 42 inches in height.

After discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion that the fence, as described by the applicant at the meeting be approved, with the fence being no more than 42 inches in height, with a 50 percent opening as described in the Guidelines. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Abingdon United Methodist Church (Fred H. St. John, Representative), 101 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to change color of roof of the church parsonage from black to Virginia green, with guttering to be painted Virginia green also. The property is located at 115 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 89.**

The Board briefly discussed this application; however, since there was no representative at the meeting and a sample of the paint to be used, Virginia green, was unavailable, the application was tabled for further information.

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- (6) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Elliott Properties (Ward, Bishop & Rasnic, Attorneys), Michael A. Bishop, Representative, 180 East Main Street (second floor), Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed sign to be placed at 180 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 108.**

This is a request for one (1) sign to be placed on property located at 180 East Main Street. The proposed sign will be 23 in. x 23 in. in size, background will be white in color, with black lettering and gray border. The sign will be mounted with bracket similar to those of other tenants and will read, "WARD, BISHOP & RASNIC, AFFILIATED ATTORNEYS,

MICHAEL A. BISHOP, PC”. There will also be a dangling sign as a part of this signage. The dangling sign will be 12 in. x 18 in. in size, will have same color scheme and will read, “RESERVED PARKING FOR WARD BISHOP & RASNIC”. The total signage meets requirements of the Guidelines.

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

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- (7) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Julianne A. Finney, 129 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed construction, addition to existing outbuilding, with property being located on Plum Alley at rear of structure located at 129 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 92.**

This is a request for approval of a proposed small addition on existing outbuilding at rear of property located at 129 East Main Street. The existing building is presently being used as a small vehicle garage. The proposed plan is to renovate the inside of the garage and construct an addition to make it into a guest cottage. This cottage will only be for family use.

The proposed addition will be constructed using the same wooden tap siding that is on the original structure, with same standing seam roof material and colors used on all existing structures on the property. The garage door will be removed and replaced with wood siding. A wooden window will be added which will be the same as windows on existing building.

The proposed addition will not extend towards Plumb Alley but will extend 5 feet, 5 inches into graveled parking area.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the request be approved based upon the recommendation of moving the front wall of the proposed structure, which faces Plumb Alley, back to a minimum of 8 to 12 inches from existing front wall of garage. Also, with the understanding if the applicant would like to return to the Board they could give her a more detailed explanation, if she is in agreement. If not in agreement, the applicant could return to the next meeting for further review. Mr. McKinney feels this recommendation better conforms to the Secretary and Interior Standards, will be an easier project for the applicant and will look better from its roofline. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

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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 to place greenhouse on property located at 125 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 11.**

This is a request to place a greenhouse, constructed of cedar and plexi glass, 6 ft. x 8 ft. x 10 ft. in size, to be located on back of garage (interior of property) on property located at 125 West Valley Street. The greenhouse will not to be seen from any right-of-way.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion to approve the request for greenhouse. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (9) **WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness - Andrew Hargroves, 229 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for WAIVER to repaint guttering on structure located at 229 East Valley Street. Tax No. 13 (1) 15.**

Mr. Jackson advised that Andrew Hargroves had submitted a Waiver for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to repaint guttering on structure located at 229 East Valley Street. The guttering color will remain white.

According to the current Guidelines, this request only requires approval by the Zoning Administrator and not by the Board.

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- (10) **Discussion - (Construction of Courthouse Entrance Doors) Washington County Board of Supervisors (Washington County Courthouse), Frank Canter, Representative, 205 Academy Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; revisit of application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing (deteriorated) doors on structure located at 191 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 61.**

This application was discussed at the regular meeting held June 1, 2005, however, sufficient information was unavailable and therefore tabled for until more information could be obtained.

Judge Lowe gave an update to the request submitted for replacement of the front doors at the Washington County Courthouse and heard at the regular meeting, May 4, 2005. He stated that he didn't feel the Board had been given the proper information regarding the request; therefore, the County is requesting reconsideration of this application.

Judge Lowe advised that on several occasions at the Courthouse, without the training and abilities of courthouse security, some of the past events held could have been more serious than they were. At the present time there is no way to control Courthouse persons who may be armed with weapons. With proposed changes to be made the entrance area where the mural is located, persons will be screened along with the use of a metal detector. Each hall and public area including parking lots will have surveillance cameras and the Sheriffs Department will be monitoring all matters. Panic buttons will be in use with all outside doors becoming emergency doors. All doors will be re-worked in order to open "out" instead of "inside".

Major Blake Andis with the Washington County Sheriff's Department submitted a letter to Garrett Jackson regarding the front doors of the Courthouse, stating that it was his recollection that the front doors had been reconditioned during the courthouse construction conducted in the early 1990's.

The Board expressed its understanding for the Courthouse security situation but feel that one large door would not be efficient for entering and exiting. The Board

expressed that it wanted to work with the Courthouse but felt that other options should be looked into.

Judge Lowe agreed to investigate the matter further and report back at a later time.

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(11) **Discussion - General Observations**

- Mr. Jackson advised that the new Historic District signs have been installed in 17 locations, with all old signs having been removed.
- He further stated that request for proposal for the Comprehensive Plan scheduled to be updated has been advertised and he would like for the Board to review certain sections and offer suggestions as needed.
- Letters were mailed to Virginia Newspapers, Inc. and William and Betty Cline, advising unauthorized work had taken place at these properties.

Mr. Jackson advised that unauthorized painting had taken place at the Washington County News. Mr. Dan Kegley, representing the Washington County News apologized and stated they were unaware of any restrictions or approvals required at the time the work was being done. Mr. Jackson explained that a Waiver for approval is required if painting the same color otherwise a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of any changes, including change in color, and gave Mr. Kegley a copy of the current Guidelines for future use.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline have indicated they would not remove the synthetic siding, stating they weren't aware that it was not allowed in the Historic District. They were asked to attend this meeting but they were unable to do so. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Greg Kelly, Town Attorney, will speak to them on the matter.

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There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.



 W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary



 Betsy White, Chairman