

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2008 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, August 6, 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. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
Mr. Jason Berry
Mrs. Doris Shuman
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Peyton Boyd

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garrett Jackson, Director Planning/Zoning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning
Ms. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: Ms. Diana L. Reap
Mr. Robert L. Donnelly
Ms. Karen Buddington
Ms. Stephanie Levesque
Mr. Daniel H. Caldwell
Others

(2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, July 2, 2008

Mr. Berry made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, July 2, 2008, be approved. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

(3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Shafers of Abingdon, Diana L. Reap, Representative, 239 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of signage to be located at 239 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 67.**

This is a request for approval of signage, already in place, located at 239 East Main Street. The dimensions of the sign is 21" x 28", having a black background with white lettering. The dimensions compute to a total area of 8.8 sq. ft. (double sided).

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the signage be approved as presented. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - The Bank of Marion, Robert L. Donnelly, Representative, P. O. Box 1067, Marion, VA 24354; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of signage to be located at 201 Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 12.**

This is a request for approval of signage to be located at 201 Valley Street. The dimensions of the sign is 24" x 24", universal khaki/ivory background with burgundy letter color, having a gold leaf and burgundy border. The dimensions compute to a total area of 8 sq. ft. (double sided).

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the signage be approved as presented. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Abingdon Methodist Church, Karen Buddington, Representative, 101 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of replacement playground equipment to be located at the rear of property located at 100 Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 50.**

This is a request for approval to replace the old playground equipment with a newer model. The current equipment is well hidden from view, due to the fence, however the new system will be, at it's peak, 12 feet in height. The color scheme is dark green roof, slides; tan panels and maroon posts. The decks will be brown. Playground mulch will be used on site, and adequate drainage will be provided. The existing fence will remain; however, sections will be removed in order to install the playground equipments, with one section being replace with gate leading children directly from Plum Alley to church building, for safety.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the replacement playground equipment and gate, be approved as presented. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Blue Ridge Family Chiropractic, Glenn Harrison, Owner and Stephanie Levesque, Representative, 220 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage, to be located at 220 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 37.**

This is a request for approval of signage to be located at 220 East Valley Street. The new signage will include the addition of the words "& Diagnostics" on the primary business sign, with dimensions of 18" x 30", for a total of 8 sq. ft. (double sided) Additional signage is requested, a 10" x 24" name plate, one 6" x 24" address plate and a 12" x 24" "Entrance" and "Exit" sign each. In October 2003, the applicant was approved a sign of the same size by the Board of Architectural Review.

After discussion Mr. Geisler made a motion that the signage be approved as presented. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Daniel H. Caldwell, Owner**, 200 Pecan Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; request to change type of gate for driveway on property (*previously approved at the regular meeting, June 4, 2008*) to be located at **200 Pecan Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 47.**

This is a request for approval to change type of gate for driveway, to be located at 200 Pecan Street, N.E., and previously approved at the June 4, 2008 meeting. The applicant is seeking to amend his previous request to install a wooden gate and instead, install an aluminum gate, after determining a wooden driveway gate will not work for the purpose in mind (fencing in a small dog).

Mr. Caldwell presented brochures from Anthony’s fencing for an aluminum gate (Premier New Castle II) or a steel gate (Montage Standard Classis 3 Rail, Double Swing Gate). Mr. Caldwell’s preference is the Premier New Castle II since it is close in design to the wrought iron fence that surrounds much of the rest of the property.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion to approved the Premier New Castle II aluminum gate as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (8) DISCUSSION - Local Tax Credit Program

Dr. Owens explained that he had researched and gathered information for a tentative proposal, to present to Town Council, in order to start a tax credit for the Old & Historic District property owners.

After discussion and review of the information that Dr. Owens presented to the Board, Mr. Geisler made a motion to, approve this as a proposal, to be presented to Town Council for review. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (9) DISCUSSION - Revised Certificate of Appropriateness

There was a brief discussion of the revised Certificate of Appropriateness form. Mr. Jackson explained that the form had been amended to include signature for the applicant.

Mrs. Shuman made a motion to adopt the revised Certificate of Appropriateness form, as presented, with addition of the signature for the applicant. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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There being no further business, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary