

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, September 5, 2007 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. Robert M. Howard, Vice Chairman
Mrs Doris Shuman
Mr. Byrum L. Geisler
Mr. Peyton Boyd

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors: Mr. John Kerns, Director
Western Division of Dept. of Historic Resources
Ms. Quinn Craughwell
Mr. Robert Weisfeld
Mr. Hugh Belcher

(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 1, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, August 1, 2007, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shuman, with unanimous approval.

(3) Introduction - John Kerns, Director, Western Division of the Department of Historic Resources

Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. John Kerns, Director of the Western Division of the Department of Historic Resources.

He explained that Mr. Kerns was observing the meeting in order to audit the Town of Abingdon Board of Architectural Review, per Certified Local Government requirements.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - John Legard (Estate of Ruth Legard) Annette Legard and Quinn Craughwell, Representatives**, 380 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 2210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of the following items for property **located at 179 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (6) 3.**
 - wooden privacy fence
 - removal of maple tree in center of rear yard
 - plantings for garden fence and garden shed for property **located at 179 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (6) 3.**

Ms. Craughwell explained that this is a request for approval to locate a wooden, privacy fence to be located at 179 Valley Street, N.W. She explained that a request for approval to remove a maple tree in center of rear yard and plantings for garden fence and garden shed will be presented to the Board for approval at a later date.

Mr. Boyd questioned the authority that the Board has on removal of trees. Mr. Jackson explained that the Board has no discretion over the removal of trees. The Town Arborist makes all decisions in removal of trees.

Ms. Craughwell explained that the proposed wooden, scalloped fence, will be 6 feet in height on the northern and eastern property lines, to culminate adjacent to the eave of the front porch. There will also be a gated area, set back from the front of the house. Also, a privacy fence 42 inches in height along the western line. She stated that the color of stain and cap for the fence have not been selected at this time but will be presented to the Board at a later date.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the requested scalloped, wooden fence, be approved, as designed, with the color of stain and cap to be used on the fence, to be reviewed by the Board at a later date. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - James R. and Margaret R. Harris**, 155 Valley Street, N.W., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing green asphalt shingle roof on garage with green metal roof (will be identical to roof on existing house structure) **located at 155 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (6) 9.**

This is a request for approval to replace current, green asphalt shingle roof on garage with green, metal roof that will be identical to the roof on the existing house. There will be a very limited view of the section of the garage roof, facing south toward Valley Street.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the request to replace the current, green shingle roof on garage with green, metal roof be approved as presented. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Star Museum, Robert Weisfeld, Owner/Representative**, 170 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage to be **located at 170 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 110. (Tabled from August 1, 2007 meeting).**

An application for the Star Museum, requesting approval of two (2) signs, previously installed inadvertently by the applicant, was reviewed by the Board at the August 1, 2007. At that time the application was tabled until the applicant had an opportunity to reconsider the signage, whereby using suggestions by the Board to have the sign colors match the building colors or reverse sign colors, i.e. blue lettering, cherry red sign. By doing so, this would bring the signage into conformity with the color scheme of the building.

The applicant, at this time, presented a revised color scheme of the requested signage and addressed the Board concerning the signage and future refurbishing of the building to original colors (early 1990's) of colonial cherry and cream.

Mr. Weisfeld was unclear as to the meaning of the Guidelines as follows: *“43f Appropriate logos or symbols may be used. Colors should be coordinated with the overall building colors and have traditional letters (such as serif, sans serif or script) appropriate to the size of the sign.”*

After discussion, Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve all signage (all three (3) signs), as designed, to replace blue color on existing building with biscuit color and replace white with blue (star) and replace cherry red with brick red on signage. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Lava Blue Gallery, Hugh Belcher, Representative**, 167 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign to be **located at 167 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 58. (Tabled from August 1, 2007 meeting).**

An application for the Lava Blue Gallery, requesting approval of one (1) sign, was reviewed by the Board at the August 1, 2007 meeting. At that time the application was tabled because the Board members showed concerns regarding the lettering and colors of the sign, as well as the type of post to be used for displaying the sign. It was the consensus of the Board that the sign be re-designed according to Paragraph 43f of the Guidelines; also the Board recommended the use of a black wrought iron post for displaying the sign to blend with existing post for the adjoining business.

The applicant, at this time, addressed the Board with a re-design of the signage previously requested. The size of the proposed sign will be 17 in. x 34 in., light grey background, white lettering, with green and white border. The sign will read **“LAVA BLUE GALLERY HOT ART COOL GIFTS”**.

After discussion. Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the signage, as modified, subject to the border being, either or, all green or black. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary