

TOWN OF ABINGDON
 BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
 REGULAR MEETING
 OCTOBER 6, 2004 - 1:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mr. Andrew Hargroves, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present Mr. Andrew Hargroves, Vice-Chairman
 Mrs. Doris Shuman
 Mr. Harry L. McKinney, Jr.

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman
 Mr. Thomas C. Phillips, Jr.

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garrett Jackson, Town Planner

Visitors: Mrs. Alyssa Dobbs
 Mr. Jim Bundy
 Mr. Harold Stanley

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- (2) **Certificate of Appropriateness - W. David and Alyssa Dobbs (Timeless TV), 165 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of sign located at 165 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 58.**

This is a request for approval of an existing, store, street sign with logo. The sign is 21"x 27" in size, with white background, black lettering and gold border. The sign is displayed on a black metal arm pole near sidewalk.

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

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- (3) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (Jim Bundy, Architect/Representative), Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed addition to rear of structure located at 250 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 11 (1) 91. (Continued from September 1, 2004 meeting).**

This application for Certificate of Appropriateness was presented at the September 1, 2004 meeting and the application was approved, subject to the board viewing samples of shingles, siding and paint colors.

Mr. Bundy presented a sample of the roof shingles, black in color and paint sample for siding, tan in color.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the roof shingles and paint color be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shuman, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Daniel Blevins (Jim Bundy, Architect/Representative)**, 315 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed renovation and conversion (residence to Bed and Breakfast Inn) of structure located at **315 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 23 (Tract 2)**. *(Continued from regular meeting, September 1, 2004 – details incomplete, per Mr. Jim Bundy – will return to Board at a later date).*

Mr. Bundy advised that details for this application were incomplete at this time, therefore, he will return to the board at a later date for approval of the application requests.

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- (5) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (Robert Howard, Facilities Manager/Representative)**, 266 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to erect fence to enclose five (5) heat pump units located at **266 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 11 (1) 93 AB**.

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Howard was unable to attend this meeting.

A letter dated September 27, 2004 from Mr. Howard and attached to the application received indicated that a new outside heating/cooling unit had been installed at the Operations Center, making a total of 5 units. The facility proposes to erect a fence around these units to hide them from view of Valley Street and to provide security to the units. The proposed fence would have three sides and constructed of treated wood, painted a color to match the building or color suggested by the Board of Architectural Review. The proposed fence would be constructed of 4” planks in width, with spacing between the planks to allow air circulation for the units and would be 5’ in height to block the view of the tallest heating/cooling

After discussion, it was decided that the type fence presented does not comply with Guidelines, therefore, it was recommended that Guidelines, with suggestions be sent to the applicant for further consideration. This application was be tabled until the next regular meeting, November 3, 2004.

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- (6) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Harold and Kathy Stanley, 284 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed renovation of structure located at 284 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 11 (1) 95.**

This application was received and considered at the September 1st meeting and renovation/construction changes were approved at that time. Other items were discussed and suggestions were made by the board. After consideration of the recommendations made by the board, the applicants were to return for approval of landscaping and other items discussed.

The applicant now requests approval for the following:

1. remove old mulch under trees and re-mulch at the Wall Street/Valley Street area
2. remove landscaping timbers and old rock on bank, replacing with landscaping blocks (allen type blocks)
3. replace stepping stones with new stepping stones
4. replace pea gravel with brown stones
5. replace existing wooden steps with new wooden steps constructed of treated lumber, same style steps
6. repaint existing structure, changing color from white to tan
7. repaint all trim, white in color

It was recommended by the board that applying sealant to the existing brick before repainting structure would help prevent a bleeding of previous paints.

Mr. McKinney suggested that the proposed steps be either stained or painted to match approved exterior colors.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that this application be approved, subject to a lighter shade of tan paint being used on the structure, as suggested by the board, and either stain or paint the wood used for proposed step replacement. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) **Waiver for Certificate of Appropriateness - Rick Anderson (Car Wash), 111 Tanner Street, Abingdon, Virginia. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 71.**

Mr. Jackson advised that Rick Anderson had submitted a waiver for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to repaint existing car wash, in a paint scheme that duplicates the existing paint colors.

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

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(8) **Discussion – October 5, 2004 Rural Development Administration (RDA) meeting with Barter**

Mr. Jackson and Mr. McKinney attended a meeting between the Rural Development Administration, Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Barter Foundation on October 5th at the Barter Café. The meeting was to ensure the Barter Theatre that they WILL have to follow through with an archaeological study. The Rural Development Administration and the Department of Historic Resources representatives discussed the importance for this and that it us a MUST with federal money.

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(9) **Discussion – Design Guidelines**

The consensus of the Board of Architectural Review seemed to be that the Design Guidelines be the 4 ½” x10” format. The board will be provided with estimates from Jack Rabbit Printing Company at the November board meeting. Also, a date will be selected for a work session to design the Historic District brochure.

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

Andrew Hargroves, Vice-Chairman


Garrett W. Jackson, Secretary