

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2005 - 1:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, November 2, 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
 Mrs. Doris Shuman
 Mr. Harry McKinney
 Mr. Andrew Hargroves

 Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors: Dr. and Mrs. William E. Cline
 Mrs. Jan Hurt

- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 1, 2005
 Regular Meeting, July 6, 2005
 Regular Meeting, August 3, 2005
 Regular Meeting, September 7, 2005
 Regular Meeting, October 5, 2005

It was noted that the minutes for the regular meetings for the above referenced dates were incomplete at this time, due to malfunction of transcribing devices. The minutes will be furnished at a later date.

- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness (Re-visit) - **DECISION MADE BY BOARD FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 108 EAST VALLEY STREET. William and Betty Cline, 108 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; regarding synthetic siding placed on structure located at 108 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 49.**

Mr. Jackson stated that on July 19, 2005 work was observed where a contractor was placing vinyl siding on structure located at 108 East Valley Street.

Mr. A. C. Bradley, Zoning Administrator, at that time, did not issue a "Stop Work Order", with reason being that the property owner had not applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

On July 19, 2005, Mr. Garrett Jackson, sent a Certified Letter informing William and Betty Cline, they were in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Cline called Mr. Jackson after having received the letter, stating that the work was not completed, but they were intending to complete the work in process.

Dr. and Mrs. Cline met with the Board of Architectural Review in August for discussion of the matter; applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of the vinyl siding in September and the request was deferred until this meeting date, Wednesday, November 2, 2005, due to the Clines being away on vacation.

Mrs. White asked if there were any comments regarding this matter.

Mr. Phillips made a motion that this application be denied. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKinney. The motion was tabled for further discussion of the matter.

Mrs. White, once again asked if there were any comments regarding this matter.

Dr. Cline stated that had he received notice (Guidelines) that the synthetic siding wasn't allowed he would not have installed it.

Mrs. White stated that there were two issues in this matter; one, the failure to seek a Certificate of Appropriateness and two, the fact that the vinyl siding was installed without permission.

Mrs. Cline stated that they had never broken any of the Town's laws, she didn't feel they had done anything wrong and had they received the Guidelines stating that vinyl siding was prohibited, they would have never had the vinyl siding installed.

Mrs. Cline further stated that they do not live in the structure; it is rental property, and they were unaware of any materials that the Town had distributed to property owners. She stated that she had talked with others in the district and was told they never received the information. She felt that it was negligence on the Town's part that the Guidelines were never received by them.

Mr. McKinney pointed out that the Zoning Ordinance has been in effect since 1971, requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval for any changes made to the exterior of a structure and had the applicants applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness, they would have been made aware that the synthetic siding was not allowed.

Mr. Phillips stated that in 1989 the Clines had been involved with the Board regarding another matter and that they were aware, at that time, of the Board and its purpose. He continued by asking if there might be some type of compromise in this matter.

Mrs. Cline proceeded to say that upon receipt of the letter stating that siding was not permitted, they continued with the work but replaced old columns with painted wooden columns.

Mrs. White stated that the purpose of the Board is to uphold the Ordinance and the Ordinance is to preserve the district and all the historic characteristics of each of the buildings within the district. Synthetic siding covers up those unique and original characteristics and the Board has no choice but to deny synthetic siding.

Dr. Cline asked if other vinyl covered structures in the district would be required to remove the existing siding in place. Mrs. White responded by saying "no", that no siding had been approved for a long time and the Board would have denied all applications when presented and reviewed.

Mrs. White stated that the Board can enforce the maintenance of a building. Mr. Phillips stated that at the present time the Board has issued several requests to property owners regarding the maintenance of their property, with good responses on each of them.

Mrs. Cline asked if they have a right to appeal this decision. Mrs. White replied “yes”.

The motion was once again brought to the table by roll call vote.

VOTE:	Mr. Phillips	Aye
	Mr. McKinney	Aye
	Mrs. Shuman	Aye
	Mr. Hargroves	Aye
	Mrs. White	Aye

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- (4) **Certificate of Appropriateness - The Barter Theatre Foundation, Inc., (Barter Green) Richard Rose, Representative, P. O. Box 867, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; application for approval to grade for parking lot and remove stone wall parallel to Partington Place. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 122.**

This is a request for approval to grade for parking lot and remove stone wall parallel to Partington Place. All changes will be visible from public streets.

Mr. Richard Rose stated that he was of the understanding that all work currently in process at the Barter Green had been approved, after having met prior with the Board of Architectural Review, obtaining necessary permits from all departments of the Town and having received a letter from the Public Works Department, indicating that the proposed construction was approved. He apologized for any errors made on behalf of the Barter Theatre pertaining to the construction that is now in process. Mr. Rose was not aware the work required the approval of the Board of Architectural Review.

Mr. Rose presented the basis of the plan for the work currently in process and further stated that the “buildings” which were to be a part of the proposed construction are no part of this request (the buildings may or may never happen). This request is for approval to prepare the greens to make them safe, construct entry-way to the greens for safety, construct sidewalk along Partington Place, with removal of existing stone wall parallel to Partington Place, construct parking lot at the rear of property and resolve drainage problems.

Mr. Rose indicated that grading on the upper property reveals the foundation of the original building for the old “Stonewall House” and that a part of the foundation will be left there as a sculptural testament to that historic building.

Mr. McKinney stated that since he is employed by Burwil Construction which is involved in construction of this project, he felt he should abstain in the voting on this application, however, he has no objection with the plans submitted.

After discussion, there was a unanimous vote by the Board to approve the plans for placing the parking lot as shown on the plans and removal of the portion of the stone wall on Partington Place.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Ramsey and Betsy White**, 125 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210' application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval for the following: (1) change paint color of wood trim, shingles and roof (2) pre-application conceptual discussion for landscape plan and rear building renovation for property located at **133 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 10.**

This is a request to change paint color of wood trim, shingles and roof, and application conceptual discussion for landscaping plan and rear building renovation for property located at 133 West Valley Street.

The application is requesting approval for the applicant to be allowed to repair and repaint existing metal roof "brownish/black" color, repaint shingles, columns and minor trim a "linen alabaster" color, repaint major trim "rookwood dark green" color, with remainder of required painting to be painted a "lighter green".

It was suggested by Mr. McKinney that instead of using "linen alabaster", a little darker color would be more appropriate.

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

VOTE:	Mrs. Shuman	Aye
	Mr. McKinney	Aye
	Mr. Hargroves	Aye
	Mr. Phillips	Aye
	Mrs. White	Abstained

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- (6) Discussion - **William King Regional Arts Center Master Plan (Presentation by Betsy White)**

Mrs. White gave an update on the William King Regional Arts Center Capital Project, explaining the proposed improvements and additions.

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

Betsy White, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary