

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2011 - 5:15 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 5:15 P.M. The meeting was held in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

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. Byrum Geisler
 Mrs. Betsy White

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Jason Berry
 Mr. Peyton Boyd

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

Visitors: Mr. Michael F. Haslam

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 3, 2011
 Reconvened Meeting, August 17, 2011
 Regular Meeting, September 7, 2011
 Regular Meeting, October 5, 2011

Mr. Geisler made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, August 3, 2011, reconvened meeting, August 17, 2011, regular meeting, September 7, 2011 and regular meeting, October 5, 2011 be approved as submitted. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Barter Theatre/Town of Abingdon, 127/133 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed construction at the Barter Theatre, located at 127/133 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 80.**

Mr. Michael F. Haslam, representative for this application explained that this is a request for approval of proposed construction for the Barter Theatre, which will include a new entry to the Barter lobby (which is to occupy the space currently taken up by the box office) will be trimmed out with sheets, boards, and moldings made of cellular PVC (alternative to wood millwork), which will be finished in White paint. It will feature large windows and a sliding glass entry door, which will be prefinished in White to match the surrounding trim. There will be new Black entrance mats inlaid into the finished walking surface on the exterior side of this door, as well as in the entry niche under the existing arch on the façade of the Barter.

The new construction to be added in the alleyway between the Barter Theatre and Town Hall will be finished in artificial stucco that is colored in a neutral “earthtone”; one that will recede into the shadows of the alleyway and not draw anyone’s eye toward it. The gutter on the rear as well as both downspouts will be finished to match or blend in with the stucco as much as possible.

Mr. Jackson stated that this item that has been under consideration for some time. It’s something that will definitely happen at some point of time, however, the item must be presented to Town Council for final approval.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve plan for this proposed construction as submitted, to include landscaping between the two buildings, preferably a tree, with screening of vegetation for the chiller. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Watauga Medical Group, Inc. (Thomas Reach, Representative, 300 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of sign to be located at 300 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 31.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) sign to be placed on property located at 300 Valley Street, N.E. The size of the proposed sign will be 36 in. x 18 in., having Green background, with Yellow lettering and border. The sign will read “Watauga Medical Group, General Medicine, 276-206-8197”.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that this application be rejected because the application, as submitted, does not comply with the Guidelines, Items 43c, 43e and 43f, and does not provide information regarding location and lighting; the Guidelines must be followed. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(5) **DISCUSSION - Revisions of Guidelines**

A continued discussion of the revisions of Guidelines was postponed until Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 5:15 P.M.

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(6) **DISCUSSION - Proposed Extension of Old and Historic District**

There was discussion of a proposed extension of the Old and Historic District, with suggestions of several different areas likely to be included in the extension of this district.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the Board of Architectural Review recommend to Town Council, the expansion of the Old and Historic District, in cooperation with the design of the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary