

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, November 5, 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
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Peyton Boyd

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman

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

Visitors: Dr. Glenn Harrison

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(2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, October 1, 2008

Mr. Boyd made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, October 1, 2008, be approved. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Glenn Harrison, Owner (Chip Barker, Attorney, Office Building) Dan Levesque, Representative, 212 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of the materials selected to re-do siding on structure located at 212 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 38.**

This application is a result of a STOP WORK ORDER issued on Thursday, June 26, 2008, after the Staff was alerted by an Old & Historic District resident that vinyl siding was being installed on the structure located at 212 East Valley Street. Members of the Staff visited the site and issued a STOP WORK ORDER to the workers, owners and tenant of the property. Work continued later on in the day.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review, Wednesday, July 2, 2008, motion was made that approval of the vinyl siding recently installed on the structure located at 212 East Valley Street be denied, with recommendation that the applicant submit an application requesting

approval of other allowable materials. A letter was sent to Dr. Harrison explaining the Board’s decision and the process for appealing this decision, if so desired.

Dr. Harrison made an appeal to the Town Council at the regular meeting on September 8, 2008, at which time Town Council affirmed the decision of the Board of Architectural Review and directed Dr. Harrison to remove the vinyl siding within thirty (30) days of the September 8, 2008 meeting date and request a Certificate of Appropriateness to repair the structure with a material that is approved by the Board of Architectural Review, and further that after said thirty (30) days have expired if the approved repairs have not been made, that a \$250.00 per day fine will be imposed against the property owner.

At today’s meeting Dr. Harrison explained that the original proposed renovation was designed to repaint the existing structure but the contractor realized there was considerable deterioration on the east and west side of the building in the overhang which required new studs. It was felt that by installing vinyl siding would be more practical and hopefully eliminate any further drainage damage. The studs and wood in the overhang were replaced 15 years ago and the damage from water has continued to be a problem. The building contractor discovered the deterioration in the east and west side of the building overhang, with the west side of the structure appearing to be the worse, with indication that the wood tends to rot from the inside. Dr. Harrison further stated that he anticipates that since hardy board does not interlock the deteriorating condition will continue, however, he is in agreement to use the hardy plank or to repaint the existing wood, if approved by the board.

Dr. Harrison agreed to accept recommendation by the Board to have a contractor look at the deteriorating condition and depending on the recommendation of the contractor, either hardy board or repainting the existing wood would be choice of the applicant. Dr. Harrison will call Mr. Jackson when the vinyl has been removed, to set a time for a recommended contractor to review the matter.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the use of either, hardy board or to repaint the existing wood, white in color. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Carol Jones Realty, Owner (Memory Garden Senior Care), Deanna Grant, Representative**, 223 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of one (1) sign **to be located at 223 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 65.**

This application is requesting approval of one (1) sign to be located at 223 East Valley Street. The size of the sign will be 30 in. x 19 in., white background with gold and green lettering and will be installed on existing posts.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the sign be approved conditionally on Page 30, Paragraph 43F, that the colors of the sign will be coordinated with overall appearance of the building (don’t change colors, concerns are based on the reproduction of the colors submitted). Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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DISCUSSION

- There was a brief discussion regarding proposed tax credits of which the Town Council is in support and Dr. Owens will assume responsibility to organize a committee to include Fred Parker, David Henry and Mark Godbey. More information concerning this will be available at a later date.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the Federal Court House and the recent request for changes in the, previously approved, security fence and bollards, located at the front entrance. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the requested changes. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary