

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2007 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, November 7, 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
Mr. Byrum L. Geisler

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman
Mr. Peyton Boyd

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

Visitors: Mr. Doug Ellis
Mr. Lee Saul
Mrs. Polly Mallory
Mr. Bill Gable

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, October 3, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, October 3, 2007, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Geisler, with unanimous approval.

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Ellis Soda Shoppe & Grill, Yvonne L. Ellis and H. Douglas Ellis, Owner/Representative**, 217 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of interior renovations and outside railing for soda shoppe **to be located at 217 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 71.**

Mr. Doug Ellis represented his application, explaining that there would be interior renovations and outside railing for the proposed soda shoppe.

After discussion, Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the wrought-iron railing around the concrete pad in front of the store, to allow for outdoor dining. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Ellis asked if the existing sign could be modified to read "Ellis Drug Store Soda Shoppe".

After much discussion on location and size, both which are vested because they are existing,

Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the modification. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Lee Saul**, P. O. Box 674, Abingdon, VA 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing metal roof with new metal roof or asphalt shingle roof on structure **located at 334 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 28.**

This is a request for approval to replace existing metal roof with new metal roof or asphalt shingle roof on structure located at 334 East Valley Street.

After discussion on the style of house and existing roof, a motion was made by Mr. Howard to approve metal sheet roof, Forrest Green, in color. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC, Owner, (Abingdon Physician Partners), Jessica Halsey, Representative**, 300 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign **to be located at 300 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 31, 32.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) wooden sign to be located at 300 East Valley Street. The size of the sign will be 3 ft. 2 in. x 4 ft., will have white background with blue border and poles. Lettering on the sign will be white, with logos being black, blue and green. The sign will be mounted from wooden posts.

After discussion, due to the size of the sign requested, it being larger than that allowed by the Guidelines, Mr. Howard made a motion to table the item, until the staff could confer with the applicant. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval. Mr. Jackson told the Board he would pole the other CLG's to see if their size requirements were adjustable to building size.

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- (6) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Carl and Polly Mallory, Owners**, 112 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval front entry doors for structure **located at 112 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 100.**

This application was received by Mr. Jackson on the day of the meeting and was presented by Mr. Jackson. The applicant is requesting the existing front doors be removed and replaced with new ones to prevent cold air drafts in the winter.

Mr. Geisler explained that the point of the Board of Architectural Review was to protect those features original to structures and to guide applicants.

Mrs. Mallory explained that, though they believed in preserving the original doors, they are not energy efficient and the heating and cooling conditions in her home were more important to them.

After discussion, Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the replacement of the doors with like doors. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Bill Gable, a local artisan, who has been commissioned by the Town Council to design and craft a metal weathervane, which will be placed on the pinnacle of the stage roof at the Market Pavilion. Mr. Gable explained the design, which was presented to the members for review and indicated that it will be a true working weathervane. He will consult an aerodynamicist for the best design, to maximize its accuracy. The members unanimously approved the design, which will be brought to them when completed for color determination.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary