

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2005 - 1:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, December 7, 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

 Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Andrew Hargroves

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

Visitors: Mrs. Jan Hurt
 Mrs. Gypsy Holt
 Dr. William Cline
 Mrs. Betty Cline

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Shuman, seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the regular meeting, June 1, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Shuman, seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the regular meeting, August 3, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mrs. Shuman and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the regular meeting, September 7, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Shuman, seconded by Mr. McKinney and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the regular meeting, October 5, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Phillips and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the regular meeting, November 2, 2005.

It was noted that the minutes for the regular meeting July 6, 2005, remain incomplete at this time, due to malfunction of transcribing devices. These minutes will be furnished for approval at a later date.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Fred and Gypsy Holt**, 132 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of proposed re-construction of rear side of existing structure located at **132 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 12 (10) 1, 2**

This is a request for approval of a proposed re-construction of rear side of existing structure located at 132 Valley Street, N.E.

The applicant stated that the existing back side of structure (loft section) will be moved out, keeping all original wood, door frame and door as it appears now. All existing wood on the exterior of the structure will remain existing colors, white wood, with door being Richmond red.

The applicant stated that there are currently two bathrooms downstairs, a full bath and a half bath. There is a need to expand the half bath to a full bath by moving a portion of the outside wall at the half bath toward Plum Alley. The outside wall would be moved approximately 5 ft., bringing it flush with existing outside wall outside the downstairs bedroom. The expansion would accommodate a tiled shower. There is an existing door at the half bath. This door would be built into the newly added wall as a facade to give the appearance of a functioning door and retain the appearance of the house before the modification.

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

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- (4) WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness - **Sam F. Hurt**, 247 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval to repair and repaint shutters (satin black) and install shutter dogs for existing structure located at **247 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 17.**

Mr. Jackson advised that Sam F. Hurt had submitted an application for a Waiver of Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to repaint shutters (satin black) and install shutter dogs for existing structure located at 247 East Valley Street.

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

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness (Re-Visit) - **William and Betty Cline**, 108 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; amended application for Certificate of Appropriateness, requesting approval to remove synthetic siding from front of structure located at **108 East Valley Street**, as requested by the Town Council. **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 9.**

This amended application is requesting approval to remove synthetic siding from front of structure located at 108 East Valley Street, as requested by the Town Council.

Mr. Phillips asked what the plan included once the siding was removed. Dr. Cline replied that he is hoping that the wood will be in good enough condition to repaint.

Mr. Phillips asked if they would consider removing the synthetic siding from the back of the house also. Mrs. Cline replied by saying the Town Council agreed that they could request removal on the front portion of the structure. Dr. Cline stated that the Town Council strongly recommended removal from the front only. Mr. Phillips stated that he interpreted the motion made by Mr. Morgan to strongly recommend an approval of a compromise. Mrs. Cline stated that their attorney also interpreted the motion the same way as interpreted by the Clines. Mr. Phillips stated that he would be willing to accept a compromise of front and back but he was not ready to support only the front. Mrs. Cline asked why it bothered him so much at the back, because it faces the back of the church; where there is a privacy hedge except for the driveway. She further stated that Plumb Alley is not considered a street, it is only an alley. Mr. Phillips replied that the alley is quite historical and has a great deal of traffic.

Mrs. White asked if there was a motion to approve this application request. Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the application request be approved. There was no second to that motion. Due to there being no second to the motion, there could be no further discussion and the motion did not carry. Mrs. Cline asked what this meant and Mrs. White stated that it meant the Certificate of Appropriateness was not approved. Dr. Cline asked if it was necessary that he bring his attorney back again and appeal this application request. Dr. Cline once again stated that the Town Council strongly recommended that the synthetic siding be removed from the front of the house and that Mr. Phillips voted for this. Mr. Phillips stated that what he had voted for was that he had raised the question, of the back as well as the front, and that he understood Mr. Morgan had recommended a compromise; he did not make any commitment to the front of the house. Mr. Phillips further stated that he recommends that this be referred back to Town Council, with recommendation of a compromise for the front and back. Dr. Cline stated they would do exactly that and that he was tired of this. Mrs. Cline stated that it had been recommended by their attorney that this matter be taken to court.

Mr. Phillips commented that he was sorry this could not be worked out and he was sorry for coming on so strong.

Mrs. Cline apologized for their behavior but felt was necessary. Dr. and Mrs. Cline, at this time, removed themselves from the meeting.

Mrs. White stated that she felt the board had done the right thing but in thinking about this for the future, regardless of the applicant's attitude, the board has to be careful in what is approved; *in this matter the Guidelines stated "should not use synthetic siding"*.

Mrs. Shuman stated that she has concerns that everything the board reviews may become a controversy and she feels the board needs to be stronger in the beginning, being firm in

making decisions. Mr. McKinney stated that he feels the board was not given that opportunity in this matter because an application for Certificate of Appropriateness was **not** submitted in the beginning.

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(6) **DISCUSSION - Plan for Barter Green, based on decision of Town Council as a result of (APPEAL FROM BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW)**

There was a brief discussion of the proposed amendments to the Barter Green Project that will be brought before Town Council at the Public Hearing scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, December 7, 2005, 7:30 P.M..

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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