

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 – 5:15 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

**A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler, Chair**

**B. ROLL CALL – Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development**

Members of the Board Present:

**Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the Board Absent:

**Comprising a quorum of the Board - Yes**

Administrative/Town Staff:                      Mr. Jason Boswell, Director of Community  
Development  
Mr. Mason Gragg, Town Planner  
Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **November 4, 2020, Regular Meeting**

**On a motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. White, the Board approved the minutes for November 4, 2020, Regular Meeting as amended.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

The board approved the November 4, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

**D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Campesino Mexican Grill; Fernando Onate; owner, 266 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210, Jerry’s Signs, Inc.; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 266 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA. Tax Map No (013-1-94)**

Mr. Ryan Cooke of Jerry’s Signs represented the property located at 266 E. Main Street.

Mr. Cooke explained to the board that the owner will be removing the existing sign and replacing it with a new double-sided, carved sign, using the existing frame and brackets. The sign will have a white background, red accents, and black text reading: Campesino Mexican Grill. The letter “C” for Campesino will be inserted at the top of the sign. The sign will be constructed of HDU- high-density urethane.

**On a motion by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, the Board approved the COA as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

The board approved the COA for the property located at 266 E. Main Street.

**2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Abingdon Internal Medicine – Ballad Health Johnson Memorial Sleep Center; Owners. 322 Valley Street NE, Abingdon, VA, 24210, Jerry’s Signs, Inc.; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 322 Valley Street, NE, Abingdon, VA. Tax Map No (013-1-29)**

Mr. Ryan Cooke of Jerry's Signs, Inc. represented the property located at 322 Valley Street NE.

Mr. Cooke informed the board that Ballad Health Johnston Memorial Sleep Center would like to add a double-sided sign with the Ballad Health logo and text below the existing Abingdon Internal Medicine sign. The sign will be constructed of 1/8 inch framed aluminum and complimented with vinyl text.

**On a motion by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. White, the Board approved the COA as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

The board approved the COA for the property located at 322 Valley Street NE.

**E. TAX ABATEMENT**

**1. Tax Abatement: Bruce A. & Kristi B. Hartshorn, Owners. Tax abatement amount \$12,922.00. Located at 227 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA. Parcel Number, (013-1-66).**

Mr. Geisler asked if anyone had any questions about the presented Tax Abatement. Hearing none, Mr. Geisler stated the project and documentation were acceptable.

Mr. Owens made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement Application as submitted and asked that it be sent to the Town Manager, James Morani for approval, second by Mr. Weaver.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn - Abstained  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

The board approved the tax credits and motioned that it be submitted to the Town Manager for review and approval. If approved, it will be processed by the Tax Clerk and applied to the parcel.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**G. DISCUSSION**

**H. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Owens asks if the Historic District survey/inventory was ready to be distributed to the HPRB members. Mr. Boswell informed the members that the survey results are in the final stages and will be distributed shortly by Mr. Mike Pulice. At such time, Mr. Boswell will forward a copy to all existing board members.

Mrs. White informed the board that she had forwarded her Preservation Plan notes to Mr. Boswell. Mrs. White stated that her notes represent the work that had been commenced in the past and would serve as a great starting point moving forward. This item will be discussed further at a later date.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**On Motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, for the Board to adjourn the meeting.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:28 P. M.**

  
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**Mr. Byrum Geisler, Chairman**

  
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**Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development**