



**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, 5:37 P.M. (TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES)
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A. WELCOME – Mr. Byrum Geisler

B. ROLL CALL – Mayana Rice, Community Development Director

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

**Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mrs. Betsy White (Arrived at 6:05)
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: MR. MIKE OWENS
MR. MICHAEL WEAVER**

COMPRISING A QUORUM of the BOARD: Yes

GUEST: NONE

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: MAYANA RICE, COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
JANICE DORNON, SECRETARY**

C. MEETING OBJECTIVES (VIDEO 3:46 – 30:50)

1. Discuss HPRB Meeting Protocols

Mrs. Rice spoke to the members about changing the meeting protocols; she suggested that at the beginning of each application that she give a brief description of the project. This objective would be added to the agenda in this order 1) COA, 2) Staff

Description, and 3) Applicable Presentation.

Mrs. Rice updated told the group that the Panning/Zoning Department, Building Department and Engineering are starting to work together by starting a weekly Technical Review Meeting and a Tuesday Concepts Meeting to speak with applicants about their projects.

2. Preservation Plan Discussion

The Community Development Department has hired two new associates, 1) Laura Dowell, (1-24-22), Building Department Permitting and 2) Gab Cristofari, (2-11-22), Planning/GIS, Gabe has a Historical Preservation background.

3. Kick Off Meeting Discussion

Mrs. Rice and Mrs. White have collaborated on writing a grant to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for \$5,000.00. If this grant is won, the proceeds will go toward funding the Historical Preservation Kick-Off Meeting, paying for an influential speaker on May 3, 2022. Mrs. Rice will be adding a map and a bio of Donovan Rypkema to the grant submission.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (VIDEO 30:52 – 1:01:48)

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Abdelbassett Ayeb, 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210; Owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for lettering on the awning. Request approval to brick side & back of the building. **Located at 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-16)**

Mr. Ayeb represented the property located at 134 Wall Street.

Mr. Ayeb is proposing:

1. Placing the word “ITALIAN” on the previous approved rounded awning. Awning to be black with white letters.
2. Logo above the awning on the building’s façade.
3. A 2 x 4 sign with the word “PIZZA”, with a white background and red letter on the rear of the building.

Mr. Ayeb told the board that as a business owner he has concerns about not being able to attract customers to his location on Wall Street.

Mrs. Rice reminded everyone that the Planning and Zoning Department cannot dictate what goes on signs.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn to accept the COA as presented for the previously approved awning with the word "ITALIAN" on the black rounded awning with white letters, a 3 x 3 diameter logo above the awning (correcting the word its on the logo), and a 2 x 4 sign with the word "PIZZA" with a white background with red letters on the rear of the building.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mrs. Betsy White
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler

D. DISCUSSION

E. BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

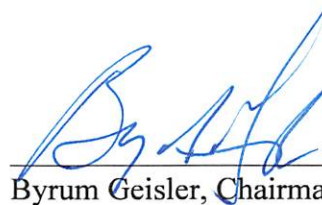
F. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mrs. White recommending that the meeting be adjourned with no further business to address.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mrs. Betsy White
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler

Adjourn Time: 6::41 P.M.


Byrum Geisler, Chairman


Janice Dornon, Secretary