# TOWN OF ABINGDON HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 – 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME BY-Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn, Vice Chair
- B. ROLL CALL Mr. Gabriel Cristofari, Senior Planner/GIS

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Dwayne Anderson

Mrs. Brooke Bunn Mr. Peyton Boyd Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn

Members Absent: Mrs. Betsy White

# Comprising a quorum of the Board - Yes

Administrative Town Staff: Mrs. Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Gabriel Cristofari, Senior Planner/GIS

Mr. Nick Howard, Planning Tech

# C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• July 5, 2023 – Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Bunn, the board approved the minutes for July 5, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented. (VIDEO 5:38 - 6:23)

### The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Dwayne Anderson	Aye
Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mrs. Brooke Bunn	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Ave

#### D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness Mary C. Patterson, 410 Green Spring Road, Abingdon, VA 24210. Owner. Certificate of Appropriateness for two wrought iron gates, two stone pillars, and a small section of wooden fencing along western property line. Located at 410 Green Spring Road, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map (021-1-1B) (VIDEO 6:24 18:13)
  - A. Staff report
  - **B.** Applicant presentation
  - C. Public Comment Concerning Item
  - D. HPRB discussion and decision

Mr. Cristofari provided the staff report.

Mary C. Patterson (Owner/Applicant) requested approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for two wrought iron gates and a small section of wooden fencing along her western property line set back behind the utility poles. The property is located at 410 Green Spring Road (Parcel 012-1-1B).

The property is within the Old and Historic Zoning District (Sub-District 2).

The parcel is located in the OH Residential focused Subdistrict (Subdistrict 2). 410 Green Spring Road is currently used as a bed and breakfast known as Black's Fort Inn and as an agriculture space for farm animals such as ducks, cows, and horses.

The applicant proposed to install two 11 ft. 2 in. long wrought iron gates. Set within each wrought iron gate is a wrought iron design of a horse. The gates' height varies as they taper downward when moving from the inner to outer edge. At their highest point (most inner edge) the gates are 6ft. 7 in. tall, at their lowest (most outer edge) the gates are 5ft. 5 ½ in. tall. The gates will swing open into the property and be setback from Green Spring Road, located at the gravel driveway leading to the barn, south of the dwelling located slightly north of the barn and other agricultural structures.

A stone pillar constructed out of river rock, will be attached to each gates' outer edge. The design of the gates will match what is pictured below. A keypad as seen in the picture will be installed.

Additionally, the applicant proposes to install wooden fencing along a small portion of her western property line setback behind the utility poles extending back to the barn. The wooden fencing will be similar if not an exact match to existing fencing found on the property. The only difference between the proposed and existing wooden fences is the existing are painted whereas the applicant wishes to leave the proposed unfinished. Both the existing and proposed wooden fencing are roughly 4 ft. tall.

Mrs. Mary C. Patterson (Applicant) provided the board with physical pictures of more examples of the columns that would be placed for the fence. She stated that the property had existing chain link fencing located where the new fencing will be located. She explains that the design of the gate are her two mares she owns and that it would be like a memorial of them. She stated that the first reason she wanted these gates is because it will keep the horses from escaping the property. The second reason is that she wanted to stop people from entering her private property at the access driveway.

The work will be completed by Kevin Korpol of KK Communications. She mentioned that she likes the wooden fence on the side of the gate and the caps on the pillars. The caps will be made of concrete to protect the pillars from weather. She also likes the pillars made of river rock. Mrs. Hartshorn (HPRB) asked if the river rock will be stacked. Mrs. Patterson (Applicant) stated that it will not, and it would be what was shown in the submitted design. Mrs. Hartshorn (HPRB) asked if there will be lighting on the fence. Mrs. Patterson (Applicant) said she would like to have lighting but there will be no lighting in the proposed fence for now.

Mrs. Patterson (Applicant) stated that the process will be in steps and that it will not be completed at once. She said that the gate would be put up first. Mrs. Hartshorn (HPRB) mentioned that the COA can be extended with approval by the board if the project is not completed within one year. Mr. Boyd (HPRB) asked if the gates will go up first with also the pillars. Mrs. Patterson (Applicant) stated that the gates will go up first with the pillars being constructed later. She mentioned that she had 5-inch square steel posts, 12-foot long with 3-foot in the ground that were handmade for the gates. Mr. Anderson (HPRB) asked what color the proposed fence would be. Mrs. Patterson stated it would be a natural color.

On a motion by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Bunn, the board voted to approve the application, with the pillars being made of river rock with concrete caps, gates to be installed first with support with the pillars being installed later, and the fence to be installed later too.

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

Mr. Dwayne Anderson	Aye
Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mrs. Brooke Bunn	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Ave

- 2. Old & Historic (OH) District Expansion 300 Block of E. Main Street, 401, 402 & 403 E. Main Street, 128 & 124 Park Street, 121 & 123 Railroad Street, 110, 115 & 118 Deadmore Street. (VIDEO 18:14 19:25)
  - A. Staff report
  - **B.** Applicant presentation
  - C. Public comment concerning item
  - D. HPRB discussion and decision

The board agreed that because they discussed the expansion of the OH District in the last meeting, that they will not be reviewing the whole report again. Mrs. Hartshorn stated that the board should send a message to the Planning Commission that they would like to move forward with the expansion of the OH District. Mr. Cristofari (Staff) stated that the board can make a recommendation of approval for the Planning Commission to vote on the expansion of the OH District as presented.

On a motion by Mrs. Bunn, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted to approve the expansion of the OH District as presented and to recommend the approval of the expansion to the Planning Commission.

## The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Dwayne Anderson	Aye
Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mrs. Brooke Bunn	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Ave

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

# F. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 19:26 – 19:43)

• 200 W. Valley Street, COA Waiver, Walkway Replacement

#### G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Bunn, the board voted to adjourn the meeting and move into the work session.

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

Mr. Dwayne Anderson
Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mrs. Brooke Bunn
Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Aye

Mrs. Hartshorn declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

# H. WORK SESSION CONCERNING 2023 PRESERVATION DAY (ARUTHER CAMPBELL ROOM)

Work session held to discuss planning details for the upcoming historic preservation day scheduled for 10/12/23.

Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn, Vice-Chair \_

Mr. Gabriel Cristofari, Senior Planner/GIS Specialist