

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 18, 2007 at 15 N. Cameron Street, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Roush City Hall.

PRESENT: Belkin, Saunders, Shore, Bandyke, Rockwood

ABSENT: Farris, Lore

VISITORS: Edward Farrell, Julie Armel, Mary Stickley, Michael Binder, Glen Burke, Conrad Koneczny

MINUTES: Mr. Rockwood stated that since it is a demolition request, we should prepare specific remarks for specific consideration. Comments pro/con the request for approval of the demolitions were summarized without mention of specific Board Members.

Mr. Rockwood, seconded by Mr. Saunders, motioned to table the minutes. The motion passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

BAR-07-95 – Request of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst Street, for approval of a freestanding sign.

Mr. Belkin, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, motioned to accept the application as submitted. Motion passed 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

BAR-07-93 – Request of Robert Ambrogi, Total Image Workingman's Store, 325 W. Boscawen, for approval to replace roofing with blue/gray shingles.

Mr. Ambrogi discussed his plans with the Board and presented pictures of the area concerned. He mentioned the flat roof would be reworked to a slight slope and take off the wooden flashing and replace with flat flashing and install guttering all around. The shingles will be replaced in kind and color.

Mr. Belkin, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, motioned to approve the application as submitted with the additional note that gutter will match existing in color and material. Motion passed 5-0-0.

BAR-07-94 – Request of David McLaughlin, 618 S. Loudoun Street, for approval to improve existing porch base. (Revision to previous BAR 06-95).

Applicant unable to attend the meeting. He had planned to bring a material sample board of the thin brick veneer he planned to apply to the porch base. He indicated that was

what he took from the City Council meeting when he initially considered appealing the decision of the BAR to City Council. He withdrew his appeal.

Mr. Belkin stated that City Council had certain suggestions but did not overrule the decision of the BAR. The comments of the City Council are not binding in any way to what we would do with his request, is that correct? Mr. Diem answered that he did not know and that was an issue that would need further exploration. It was not overturned and City Council ultimately did not render any kind of ruling in that regard because he withdrew his application.

Mr. Belkin stated that Mr. McLaughlin seemed to feel, from his comments in his letter, that the issue was the stucco concrete block base that he built. Whether or not that was actually the case, the least attractive portion of that base, which gave the Board problems, in his opinion, was the thin cut stone which was placed on top of it because it looked so modern.

Mr. Belkin proceeded to offer a suggestion which he felt Mr. McLaughlin might consider in the refinishing of the porch base. Mr. Saunders felt the Board needed to be careful. Mr. McLaughlin went to City Council which gave him some suggestions and now he is doing what City Council suggested and we are saying no. I think we'd have to have some pretty good reasons to turn down what City Council actually suggested.

Application **Tabled** until meeting of November 1, 2007.

BAR-07-96 – Request of GW Development, LLC, for approval of a canopy/sign for The Dancing Goat Restaurant at the George Washington Hotel, 103 E. Piccadilly Street.

Mr. Binder, GW Development, LLC, explained the plans for the canopy, colors, and location. Canopy will be located on Cameron Street over the entrance into the restaurant. The lettering and the goat will be Sherwin Williams Black Magic (SW 6991) and the metal behind the lettering and goat will be Benjamin Moore Dorset Gold (HC-8) all other Metal components will be SW Black Magic.

Mr. Belkin, seconded by Mrs . Shore, motioned to approve the request for the canopy for the Dancing Goat Restaurant, as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.

BAR-07- 97 – Request of Asset Accumulation, L.C., for approval of a change in roofing color at 14 W. Boscawen Street.

Mr. Koneczny presented the application. He stated that the roof would be replaced in kind (standing seam) and would be painted Forest Green.

Mr. Bandyke, seconded by Mr. Belkin, motioned to approve the replacement of the existing roof with like material, to be painted forest green., and existing snowboard or snowbirds to be attached. Motion passed 5-0-0.

BAR-07-98 – Request of Design Concepts, for approval of fencing for the Lord Fairfax Apartments, 219 & 225 N. Cameron Street.

Mr. Tim Machado, Design Concepts, presented the application. Plans are to add a portion of fencing between the Reader & Swartz existing fence and behind the dumpster. Reader and Swartz fencing is double slatted and the added fencing is solid wood because of lack of space between building and fence. Fence will be left natural.

Mrs. Shore, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, motioned to approve the application as submitted to continue fence and leave in natural color.

Mr. Belkin considered voting against the motion because he felt the fence should be painted, but Mr. Rockwood indicated that he didn't feel the fence was visible. Fence is only visible thru the railings of the existing staircase, past the railing on the back staircase, and through the central courtyard. Can't be seen from Wachovia parking lot. Based on Mr. Rockwood's comments, Mr. Belkin withdrew his objection.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

BAR-07-91 – Request of Albert Kane, 112 W. Wolfe Street, for approval of an accessory structure.

Applicant was not present. Manufacturer's brochure was shown to Board. Building to be of wood and placed in rear of property.

Mr. Rockwood, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, motioned for approval of the application as submitted requiring wood windows, doors, siding, and shingled roof at the location specified. Motion passed 5-0-0.

OTHER

Mr. Diem spoke to the Board about the resolution initiating TA-07-08 pertaining to permitted building height of accessory structures.

The resolution states in part: "...There is a desire to promote architecturally and historically compatible designs and structures within the Historic Winchester District. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Winchester currently limits the maximum heights of accessory structures located within required rear yards to no more than twelve feet (12'), with disregard to architectural and historical compatibility. The Planning Commission has reviewed these revisions and found them to represent good planning practice and suitable for amendment in the City's Zoning Ordinance."

Mr. Diem showed slides of existing accessory structures that are nonconforming and similar to what would be possible with the Ordinance amendment. After some discussion

on the subject, Mr. Diem stated that he would relay to the Planning Commission that BAR is comfortable with the text amendment as presented.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:05 p.m.