

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on, January 20, 2011, at 15 N. Cameron Street, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall.

PRESENT: Tim Bandyke, Patrick Farris, Tom Rockwood, Catherine Shore, Don Crigler and Bob Pinner.
ABSENT: None.
STAFF: Vince Diem.
VISITORS: Jake Warehola

MINUTES

*Mr. Pinner moved, seconded by Mr. Shore, to approve the minutes of January 6, 2011 as presented.
Motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Bandyke abstained).*

COORESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

BAR 11-13 Request of S. M. Ryley Custom Home Improvement, on behalf of Marilyn Ann Solomon, to perform several exterior modifications that include exchanging a window and door and replacing wood rails and decking on all porches at 126-128 E Cork Street.

Jake Warehola, Contractor, explained that Marilyn Solomon purchased the two adjoining properties to hers; 126 & 128 E. Cork Street. Due to some interior work they wanted to switch the door for the window and the window for the door in the front of 128. The wooden porches are also in need of repair. They planned to keep the existing colors but instead of wood use a composite material to make maintenance easier.

Mr. Pinner asked if he would be changing the railing on 128 as well.

Mr. Warehola stated that he would like to change it, so they will all be the same.

Mr. Bandyke explained that according to the guidelines composite materials cannot be used in the historic district. They will have to be repaired/replaced using pressure treated wood; this would include the railings as well.

Mr. Warehola questioned other composite materials that can be found in the district today.

Mr. Bandyke explained that the board cannot work retroactively on projects completed before the formation of the BAR. In addition, he explained that additions and new buildings are not held to the same standards as the historic structures. He pointed out that the railing on one of the porches in the request is in fact a composite, in which case can be replaced with a composite. In his opinion, however, it would look better if it was replaced with wood in order to remain consistent with the steps.

Mr. Warehola asked if he could replace the wood railing with wrought iron to match the other porch.

Mr. Rockwood stated that he personally would not approve the addition of wrought iron. The change would not be in keeping with the buildings. He also added that he was against the exchanging of the window and the door.

Mr. Crigler stated that he agreed with Mr. Rockwood in regard to the wood railing but he did not have an issue with the exchange.

Chairman Farris stated that if the door and window can remain, it should.

Mr. Bandyke did not agree. He stated that there have been many things that have been done that are over and above worse than this. As long as they reuse the existing door, he had no issue with the exchange.

Chairman Farris suggested separating the request in order to clear up any confusion. He asked Mr. Warehola if he would be keeping all the same materials as they are currently, including the wrought iron railing. Mr. Warehola stated that he was.

Chairman Farris stated that since the steps and railing will be 'like for like' there was no reason for the board to consider them.

Mr. Warehola amended the request to include just the window and door.

Mr. Bandyke pointed out the balusters used on the neighboring property. He asked if he would be mimicking that style.

Mr. Warehola stated he will if he can find them.

Mr. Rockwood wanted to confirm that they planned to use literally the same door and same window. He also wanted to confirm that the stained glass would not go in the doorway.

Mr. Warehola stated that he would be using the exact same door and window. There are plenty of left over bricks in the basement to be able to fill in what is needed. The owner would like to use the Scales of Justice stained glass piece but if she cannot, she will understand.

Mr. Bandyke moved, seconded by Mr. Pinner, to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to BAR 11-13 with the following conditions:

*The window and door can be switched out using the exact same window and door as the replacement, with bricks to match existing, and;
The porches and railing will be repaired with 'like for like' materials.*

Mr. Rockwood stated that exchanging the door and window will change the character of the building.

Mr. Pinner agreed stated that the difference in porches will change the appearance, destroying the symmetry of the building.

Motion carried 5-1 (Rockwood against).

OTHER DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.