

## **BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES**

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on, September 17, 2009 at 15 N. Cameron Street, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Lawrence Belkin, Tim Bandyke, Patrick Farris, Tom Rockwood, Lawton Saunders, Catherine Shore and Don Crigler.  
**ABSENT:** None.  
**STAFF:** Vince Diem and Angela Walsh  
**VISITORS:** Chuck Swartz and Tim Machado

### **MINUTES**

*Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Belkin, Shore, and Rockwood abstained).*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Mr. Belkin moved, seconded by Mr. Rockwood, to move BAR 09-266 and BAR 09-270 to the consent agenda.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0.*

**BAR 09-266** Request of Reader & Swartz Architects to install a mechanical screen mounted to the roof at 120 W Cork St.

**BAR 09-270** Request of John David Smith to get approval for existing fence located behind the structure at 103 N Loudoun St.

*Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, to approve the consent agenda as amended.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BAR 09-273** Request of Tony Foreman to replace existing windows at 128 N Washington St.

Mr. Foreman explained that the new owners of this property want to make it as energy efficient as possible. They plan is to remove the storm windows and replace the sash of each window leaving the original framing. The sash will be the same style as what is removed.

Mr. Rockwood stated that the windows are one of the major elements that make this house so charming. He felt that the existing sashes are a very important part of the house.

Mr. Belkin agreed with Mr. Rockwood stating that not only do the guidelines stress the importance of keeping the old windows but removing the front windows would change the character.

Tim Machado spoke up, explaining that in the 1976 Historic Survey this property was only rated “good”. There was nothing noted as being significant.

Mr. Farris felt that it would be easier to make a decision if the board could see an example of what will be used. He stated that he understood that the owner wanted to make the home as energy efficient as possible but there are other ways this can be achieved. Mr. Farris wanted to add a statement for the record; that while the information in the survey was relevant to that time period, three decades have passed. While some structures have been lost some have been improved. If an updated survey was to be performed, the ones that have been restored may rate higher at this time.

Mr. Rockwood suggested replacing the windows everywhere but the front and then other energy saving measures could be taken elsewhere.

Chairman Saunders suggested that the applicant look into the state tax credit program if savings are a big concern. He felt that the savings that would be gotten from the credits would be much more than in energy savings.

Mr. Machado asked about feedback on demolishing the 10x10 shed that houses the kitchen in this structure which dates back to 1885.

Chairman Saunders again suggested the tax credit program. Taking that route first could eliminate a bunch of hurdles such as the need for a public hearing on the demolition.

*Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Catherine Shore, to table **BAR 09-273** until samples could be brought in for review.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0.*

**BAR 09-274** Request of Mike Elgin to replace metal siding with vinyl on the back and side of the home at 446 N Braddock St.

To give some perspective, Mr. Diem explained that the applicant’s letter indicated that his neighbor, 444 N Braddock Street installed siding on their home and he wanted to do the same. As of today, there have been no applications submitted for that address. It is clear from the photos that were submitted that the siding is vinyl. Mr. Diem stated that the fact that the siding is toward the rear of the home must have allowed it to pass without being brought to staff’s attention.

Mr. Belkin stated that it had to be done long ago. Its only three houses down from his home and he is sure it was not applied since he moved in.

The board approved wood siding for the garage as well as wood for the garage door previously. With this information in mind, Mr. Belkin suggested tabling the item until the applicant can be present.

*Mr. Belkin moved, seconded by Mr. Crigler, to table **BAR 09-274** until the applicant can be present.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34PM.