

## **BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES**

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on, July 5, 2007 at 15 N. Cameron Street, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Belkin, Farris, Lore, Saunders, Shore, Bandyke, Rockwood

**ABSENT:**

**VISITORS:** Jonathan Gemmell, Don Crigler, Juliann Flynn, Glen Paul Burke, Ed Farrell, Sandra Bosley

### **MINUTES**

Mrs. Shore, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, moved to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2007 meeting with a correction requested by Mr. Rockwood.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BAR-07-54** - Request of Jonathan Gemmell for approval of enclosed porch at 12 W. Leicester Street

Mr. Diem explained to the board the original application requested a vinyl material be used in the product brochure. However, Mr. Diem contacted Mr. Gemmell and explained vinyl is not an approved material to use in the Historic District. Mr. Gemmell agreed to change the plan to use primed and painted wood.

Mr. Gemmell added the wood would be painted to match the colors already on the house.

Mr. Belkin asked how the screen will be attached. Mr. Gemmell explained the screen will be framed with wood on both sides of it. Mr. Belkin then asked if anything will be done to the porch roof or floor. Mr. Gemmell stated that he is replacing a few boards in the floor but the roof is in good shape.

Mr. Bandyke asked if there were any other materials that can be used if not seen by the public. Mr. Lore stated the porch is as much a feature of the house and it is visible from the public right of way.

Mr. Lore asked if the applicant is only using screen and not glass even in the winter. Mr. Gemmell stated it will only be screen.

Mr. Belkin, seconded by Mr. Lore, moved to approve the request as presented using wood painted to match the colors on the house in the project. The motion passed 7-0-0.

**BAR-07-55** – Request of Juliann Flynn for approval of exterior paint at 612 S. Cameron Street

Mr. Diem presented the board with the color palette and the color pictures that were submitted with the application.

Mr. Saunders asked any other changes were being made or if the house was only being painted. Ms. Flynn confirmed she is just painting the house.

Mr. Lore pointed out that the guidelines suggest some ways to combine colors on a home. He made the suggestion that the trim, particularly the brackets, be painted with a lighter color than the main color of the house. If the trim is a darker color, it may make the house look at odds with the neighboring homes.

Mr. Lore asked if the applicant is going to paint the roof. Ms. Flynn stated the roof is flaking and the painter did say he could do it at the same time. Mr. Lore stated if the roof stays black, the board does not need to address it.

Mr. Belkin stated that Mr. Lore's comments are appropriate but the palette combination is good. Mr. Saunders stated that they are not historic colors if that is what she really wants. Mr. Lore added that it is only a suggestion and that the applicant may want to look around and see if she wants this kind of contrast. Mr. Rockwood stated the trim and brackets would show better if they were a lighter color. Mr. Belkin suggested the applicant do some testing while painting in case she wants to change it. Mr. Saunders stated the applicant would not need to come back to the BAR to change the color of the brackets.

Mr. Farris, seconded by Mr. Lore, moved to approve the request with the condition the applicant did not have to come back to change the color of the brackets to a lighter shade. The motion passed 6-0-1.

**BAR-07-56** – Request of Glen Paul Burke for approval of a sign at 103 E. Piccadilly Street

Mr. Burke gave a description of the sign, its location on Cameron Street, and the lighting that will be used. The top portion of the sign will be painted a white chocolate and a very pale yellow.

Mr. Rockwood asked what signs will be used on Piccadilly Street. Mr. Burke stated the canopy is being restored back to its original state. White lettering will be put on the side of the canopy.

Mr. Belkin asked if the cabinet was metal with stucco on the side. Mr. Burke stated it will be restored in wood and the crest is aluminum. Mr. Belkin added that he is not opposed to it. He was just clarifying the materials to be used in the plan. The only problem he sees in the design is the stucco. Mr. Burke added the stucco was probably added to show some distinction between the sign and the smooth surface of the lettering. Mr. Saunders stated the stucco would be compatible with what is on the building. Mr. Belkin agreed as long as it is the fine grain and not the messy stucco look.

Mr. Bandyke asked if the top of the cabinet will be aluminum and if it will be a visibility concern. Mr. Saunders stated the area will be painted brown and shouldn't be a concern. Mr. Belkin added that it is a metal and metal is a traditional material that was used.

Mr. Belkin, seconded by Mr. Farris, moved to approve the request with the conditions that the stucco used is a fine grain to reflect the character of the hotel's pre-cast elements and the trim is wood or painted aluminum. The vote passed 7-0-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**BAR-07-38** - Request of D.F. Crigler Associates for approval of materials and color for 507 S. Kent Street

Mr. Crigler presents the color palette and a sample of the Certainteed Fiber-Cement Siding he would like to use on the project. He also provided the board with pictures of a house done in the siding to see the finished appearance. The siding would be smooth and painted.

### **Mr. Farris left the meeting at 5:07 pm.**

Mr. Belkin stated that since the last time Mr. Crigler appeared before the board, he priced shutter hardware to be under \$50.00. Mr. Crigler stated that the hardware he priced was made from rod iron and that was probably the difference. Mr. Belkin requested that Mr. Crigler consider using the hardware to provide a better appearance.

Mr. Belkin, seconded by Mrs. Shore, moved to approve the request as proposed using Hardiplank or Certainteed siding because it does not degrade the streetscape in the neighborhood.

Mr. Rockwood asked Chairman what the rationale was in approving hardiplank and not wood. Mr. Saunders stated that the Department of Interior gives the guidelines for us to interpret. The board has previously approved it in new construction. There is no rationale; it is just subject to interpretation. Mr. Belkin pointed out the guidelines for new construction in the guide books. Mr. Saunders gave one example where Hardiplank was used in old construction. Mr. Belkin added there are different levels of appropriateness for this material.

Mr. Crigler informed the board that Old Town Alexandria allows Hardiplank on new structures as well. Mr. Bandyke asked if the material was used in combination with wood. Mr. Crigler replies that it was.

The vote passed 6-0-0.

**BAR-07-29** - Request of D.F. Crigler to continue conceptual discussion for the S. Kent Street revitalization

Mr. Crigler gave a presentation on two concepts being discussed for the Kent Street revitalization. Concept 1 would be to keep two of the locations and remodel them but demolish the rest of the properties. Concept 2 would be to demolish and rebuild all of the properties. The house at 408 Kent Street may be relocated by the Preservation of Historic Winchester.

After further discussion, Mr. Saunders suggested all of the board members take a look at the properties before the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rockwood, seconded by Mr. Bandyke, moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm.