

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on, January 21, 2010 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: Scott Rosenfeld

MINUTES

*Mr. Belkin moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2009.
Motion passed unanimously 7-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

BAR 10-07 Request of Scott Rosenfeld to install cast aluminum building mounted lanterns and wall pack mounted lights at 804 Amherst St.

Mr. Rosenfeld was not present at the start of the meeting. Mr. Diem explained that based on his conversation with Mr. Rosenfeld, the electrician was concerned that the lanterns alone, would not emit enough light.

Mr. Rockwood did not feel that the placement of the lanterns was appropriate. He felt that recessed lighting may be something that the board could suggest.

Mr. Belkin asked Mr. Rockwood to be more specific. Mr. Rockwood went on to explain that his issue is particularly with the garage. The lanterns are appropriate on the front but the other elevations just have them placed in various areas. He stated that there has to be a better way of providing light there. He suggested pole lights if recessed are not acceptable.

Mr. Farris explained that the lanterns are essentially porch lights, which is why they look appropriate by the doors. He agreed that a recommendation of recessed lighting should be made.

Scott Rosenfeld arrived at 4:10pm

Mr. Saunders agreed that the wall packs were more appropriate than the lanterns on the sides of the buildings.

Mr. Rosenfeld asked if the lights between the buildings could be left “as is” because he had already run the wire.

Mr. Bandyke explained to Mr. Rosenfeld that the board tries to accommodate most people that come before them. That being said, the board cannot be forced to overlook what is appropriate because the work has already been done. He asked who told him that he had to use the lantern lights.

Mr. Rosenfeld said that someone said that he needed to use period lights, so they ordered the lanterns. He stated that he would do whatever the board suggested but he would rather use these since he already purchased them.

Mr. Bandyke suggested that in the future Mr. Rosenfeld come before the board before he takes on the expense.

Mr. Belkin asked if he considered pole mounted lighting, limiting the number of fixtures.

Mr. Rosenfeld stated that they are expensive and the ground is mostly rock, making it impossible to place them.

Mr. Farris asked if Mr. Rosenfeld could point out which lights he was asking for. There were two different elevations submitted. He pointed out the elevation with two (2) wall packs and lighting in the back.

Mr. Rockwood asked about recessed lighting.

Mr. Rosenfeld was against the idea.

Mr. Diem explained that he spoke with the architect about the lighting and referred him to the design guidelines. He believed that it was inferred from that conversation that there was a certain desire for period lighting. However, he did not remember those exact words being used.

Mr. Saunders understood but explained that the problem was not with the choice but where they are placed.

Mr. Crigler agreed, stating that the lanterns are expected by the doors but not scattered around the building.

Mr. Saunders suggested they go light by light and determine what they can agree on.

Mr. Crigler stated that one (1) wall pack should be sufficient to light the back of the house. He suggested one (1) be placed up close to the gable, which would provide enough light on the foot path.

Mr. Belkin stated that the suggestion made a lot of sense.

*Mr. Belkin moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to **BAR 10-07** with the following conditions:*

Main Building

- 1. The front of the main building will have two (2) lanterns on either side of the front door;*
- 2. The right side of the main building will also have two (2) lanterns on either side of the door;*
- 3. The rear will have one (1) wall pack mounted under the attic louver; and,*
- 4. There will be no fixtures on the left side of the building.*

Garage

- 1. The front will have two (2) lanterns;*
- 2. The left side will have one (1) lantern by the door and one (1) wall pack at the corner;*
- 3. The right side will have one (1) wall pack on the right corner; and,*
- 4. There will be no fixtures located on the rear of the structure.*

Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER DISCUSSION

Nomination of The George Washington Hotel, located at 103 E Piccadilly Street, to be included within the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

All the members expressed their support to place the George Washington Hotel on the registry.

Mr. Belkin moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to have staff draft a letter expressing the boards support.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37PM.