

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Rouss City Hall, 15 North Cameron Street

POINTS OF ORDER

PRESENT: Tim Bandyke, Tom Rockwood, Don Crigler, Bob Pinner and Patricia Jackson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Aaron Grisdale and Paula Le Duigou.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Crigler moved, seconded by Mr. Pinner, to approve the May 17, 2012 minutes as presented. Mr. Bandyke and Ms. Jackson abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

BAR - 12-285 Request of David Logan on behalf of the property owner, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install storm windows at 125 West Boscawen Street.

Mr. David Logan, applicant, state that the windows that he wished to use were found on other historic building in Virginia. He said that he would like to use an allied storm window with color to match the existing trim.

Mr. Rockwood asked if they would be on the exterior of the window.

Mr. Logan said yes.

Mr. Rockwood said that it was difficult to envision what they would look like without a sample to see.

Mr. Logan stated that they would be double hung, single track and custom built for the home.

Mr. Rockwood asked if they were operable.

Mr. Logan said no.

Mr. Rockwood asked if they were on the street side of the structure.

Mr. Logan stated that they would be and further described them.

The Board stated that they would like to see samples.

Mr. Bandyke stated that the Board had never given approval for something without seeing it first.

Mr. Bandyke asked if the windows were original.

Mr. Logan said they were not.

Mr. Bandyke asked if the windows were original and Mr. Logan said that he did not believe the sashes were.

Mr. Rockwood stated that one of the things in the Boards guidelines, but which is not a rule is or enforceable, if the owner is not going to have storms that open, if they would consider interior storms for insulation value.

Mr. Logan said that it would not work in Virginia due to the humidity which would make the windows rot. He said that would work in a much dryer environment. He went on to explain the condensation issues that can arise from interior storms.

Mr. Rockwood said that it would be helpful to have dimensions of frame, the method of installation and the color of the exterior. He said that he understood the issues with humidity, but the Board's guidelines show a preference for interior storms, which he said may not take into consideration the point about condensation.

Mr. Rockwood said that this to his knowledge, was the first application like this, and before a precedent was set, he would like to see what the storms looked like.

Mr. Bandyke said that the Board had never approved storm windows before.

Mr. Logan said that he could get pictures of a structure in Colonial Williamsburg that has the storm windows that he intended to use for the Board.

Mr. Crigler moved, seconded by Mr. Pinner, to table the request so that the applicant could appear at the next regular meeting with samples of the storm windows for the Board to consider. The motion passed unanimously.

BAR-12-287 Request of David Logan, on behalf of the property owner, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a turret to 319 Fairmont Avenue.

Mr. David Logan, applicant, stated that this request had originally been approved by the BAR in 2004 or 2005. He said that the addition of the turret was to make access to the third floor easier, at the current time you needed to stoop to reach that floor with the existing staircase.

Mr. Logan said that the new turret would be hidden behind the roof gable and would be constructed with a slate roof; copper flashing, cedar shakes, and the exterior trim would be cedar as well.

Mr. Rockwood asked if there would be windows in the turret and Mr. Logan said there would be.

Mr. Pinner stated that it looked as if the new steeple would not be higher than the chimney.

Mr. Logan stated that their goal was to match the house.

Mr. Crigler asked if the turret was octagonal.

Mr. Logan stated that the base was square and would have square shoulders.

Mr. Pinner asked if Mr. Logan had built the turret in the front. Mr. Logan stated that he had not, but that he had built the front porch.

Mr. Rockwood said that he was happy with the work that had been done and that it was very much in keeping with the house. He felt that the turret made the access to the third floor more functional and wasn't really visible from the street.

Mr. Bandyke moved, seconded by Ms. Jackson, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the plan as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

BAR - 12-214 Request of Mike and Elizabeth Elgin for a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove existing steps on the south side of the structure and replace with a wrap around deck, located at 446 North Braddock Street.

Mr. Rockwood said that the applicant had submitted scale drawings and a material list and asked if the Board had questions.

Ms. Jackson said that the direction of the deck boards was not shown.

Mr. Bandyke expressed concern on the style of the handrail spindles. He said that you cannot fully see the deck and he wondered if they would be painting it.

The Board discussed the style of the deck and whether the applicant would paint.

Mr. Bandyke said that if the home had been a 1970's style home they could overlook it.

Mr. Pinner was concerned about setting a precedent.

Mr. Pinner asked Mr. Grisdale if there was a way to convey to the owner their concerns.

The Board discussed style and the subject of color.

Mr. Bandyke moved, seconded by Mr. Rockwood to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the design and asked that the applicant return to the Board for approval of the color choice. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the manner in which colors should be reviewed and approved; and whether they should have an approved palate for applicants to choose from.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.