

**BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES**

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on, February 18, 2010, at 15 N. Cameron Street, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Lawrence Belkin, Tom Rockwood, Lawton Saunders and Don Crigler.
- ABSENT:** Tim Bandyke, Patrick Farris and Catherine Shore.
- STAFF:** Vince Diem and Angie Walsh
- VISITORS:** Charlie Fish

**MINUTES**

*Mr. Rockwood moved, seconded by Mr. Crigler, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BAR 10-57** Request of Joseph Murphy to install a 4x6 aluminum building mounted sign at 167 N Loudoun St.

Mr. Diem explained that the sign would be visible from Piccadilly Street and Indian Alley. The idea is to make the business more visible to the public considering the construction in that area. He pointed out that a similar sign was previously approved for the dog salon on the Loudoun Street mall.

**Patrick Farris arrived at 4:05pm.**

Ms. Fish added that the temporary sign would showcase the backdoor during the construction on the mall. Most of the customers do not know that it's there.

Mr. Belkin stated that the guidelines include metal. He felt it was appropriate for the location.

Mr. Farris asked if it met the sign ordinance. Mr. Diem stated that it does.

Mr. Rockwood asked if a time limit should be placed on the sign. He also stated that a 4x6 sign is quite large.

Mr. Diem explained that in the B-1 district the permitted size is based on square footage. Currently there is nothing in the Ordinance stating what temporary is.

Mr. Rockwood pointed out that the temporary sign for the dog salon is still there.

Mr. Farris suggested that it be spelled out in the new version of the guidelines.

Mr. Belkin stated that he did not see the dimensions before. He asked that the permanent sign be smaller.

Chairman Saunders stated that if the board were to pull out historic signs, they would be big metal signs like what is being proposed. Piccadilly Street is a mess right now. A big sign may do some good. He suggested adding a statement to the motion that this was permitted based on the current condition of the street.

*Mr. Crigler moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to BAR 10-57 as presented.*

*Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Diem explained that the four (4) wall mounted lantern style lights on the Taylor Hotel have been removed. A request was made to place them in the walkway across the street between the Masonic Lodge and BB&T. The City has loaned the lights to the lodge for this purpose. He asked the board if they wanted to see the request come forth in a formal request or because they were already displayed in the district could they just be accepted. Right now there are motion lights in the walkway but more light is needed for security.

Chairman Saunders felt that they fit in.

Mr. Belkin felt that it would need to come forward on an agenda. He did not want to show a double standard. Mr. Rockwood agreed.

Mr. Farris asked if the idea to place the lights there was based on the recent crime. Mr. Diem stated that it was a big part of the decision. Mr. Farris felt the citizens safety is important. Since the lights were already mounted on the mall then there is no reason to make them wait.

*Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Crigler, to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to BAR 10-73 as presented.*

*Mr. Belkin asked if they would be painted black. Mr. Diem stated they would.*

*Motion carried 5-0.*

Mr. Diem stated that the committee reviewing the historic guidelines has had their last meeting. They will be presenting their findings to the City Council on Tuesday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM.