

## **BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MINUTES**

The Board of Architectural Review held its regularly scheduled meeting on, March 3, 2011, at 15 N. Cameron Street, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Farris, Rockwood and Shore.

**ABSENT:** Bandyke, Crigler and Pinner.

**STAFF:** Diem and Van Diest

**VISITORS:** Hunter Hurt

Chairman Farris called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. after it was determined enough members were present for a quorum.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Shore moved, seconded by Mr. Rockwood, to approve the January 20, 2011 minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BAR 11-72** Request of R. Hunter Hurt to renovate the second story enclosed porch at 26 -28 W Piccadilly St.

Hunter Hurt presented his request to remove some of the materials on the second story porch of his property. It is his intent to restore the porch and expose the German siding. Details of the project were provided in the packet. A previous owner tried to install a bathroom on the third floor that he intends to return to the original porch as well with its own identity separate from the other two levels. The metal siding on the east side will be left the way it is. The ceilings on the porches will be returned to the original as well. Mr. Hurt also requested approval to install a new light fixture and replace the existing lighting on the porches on the front and rear of the property. Once the material is exposed, Mr. Hurt will return to the board for paint approval.

*Mr. Rockwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Shore, to grant a certificate of appropriateness to BAR 11-72 for removal of masonite siding on the south and west facades as stated in the application and replacement of that with either existing or to match German siding; the approval for lights as submitted with the application on the front façade and on the second floor porch; and the approval for construction of the second floor porch using wooden elements as described in the application. The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Diem stated staff has been tasked with creating an annual report for City Council as well as some of the boards and commissions. The BAR is scheduled to present its report on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Diem presented a copy of the annual report that will be presented to Council. He specifically pointed out the data for the BAR that reports a decrease in the number of applications due to the economy but an overwhelming number of approvals. He also discussed the long term goals of the department based on the goals set by City Council. He stated staff is in the final stages of the Comprehensive Plan which will trigger updating the Zoning Ordinance to align with the Comp Plan, any changes made by the General Assembly this year, and the evolving City Council policies and objectives. Currently, funding from a grant is being used to rewrite the areas of development and redevelopment in the Zoning Ordinance to promote sustainability. Mr. Diem presented a plan to develop pocket neighborhoods that attract young professionals or the aging community who want the benefit of having others around them. If pocket neighborhoods are approved, BAR would have an opportunity to weigh in to specify materials used. Mr. Diem suggested the board members look at [www.pocket-neighborhoods.net](http://www.pocket-neighborhoods.net) for additional information.

During a brief discussion, Chairman Farris expressed his concerns for the loss of green space and the possible difficulty in combining multiple lots for the pocket neighborhoods. He suggested using the vacant commercial properties on North Cameron Street to create residential areas. He stated he likes the idea but if the City wants to create more density, it needs to create more park space to give the residents an outlet.

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.