

**City of Charlottesville
Board of Architectural Review
February 15, 2011
Minutes**

Present:

Fred Wolf, Chair
Syd Knight, Vice Chair
William Adams
Preston Coiner
Candace DeLoach
Eryn Brennan
Brian Hogg

Not Present:

H. Fairfax Ayres
Michael Osteen

Also Present:

Mary Joy Scala

Mr. Wolf convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Announcements:

A. Matters from the public not on the agenda

1. Discussion

There were no matters from the public.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes – January 18, 2011

Mr. Coiner moved the consent agenda.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda approved (4-0-1 with Brennan abstaining because she was not at the meeting)

Approved with Ms. Brennan abstaining from voting; she was not at the meeting.

C. Projects in Non-Compliance

Report was presented. Mr. Adams arrived

D. Previously considered items

1. Certificate of Appropriateness Application

BAR 10-12-01

625 Park Street

Tax Map 52 Parcel 189

Caroline and Mark Shaffrey, Owners/Jessica Primm, landscape architect

Rear yard planting plan

Ms. Scala gave the staff report.

The applicant and architect were present.

Questions from the Public

There were no questions.

Questions from the Board

Mr. Knight wanted to know if an arborist had been consulted concerning the elm tree in the back yard.

Some of the members wanted to know the effect the landscaping would have on the elm tree.

Members of the BAR wanted to know if the root balls would be affected by the landscaping.

The applicant assured the BAR that the landscaping would not affect any of the other trees or the root balls.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Comments from the Board

The Board would like the rare tree to be preserved. They would also like the applicant to take into consideration that mulching kills trees and would like an arborist to be consulted to make sure that mulching will not have the same effect on these trees.

Mr. Knight said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City design Guidelines for Site Design. I move to find that the proposed plan as submitted satisfies the BAR’s criteria and is compatible with this property and other properties in this district and that the BAR approves the application as submitted, with the stipulation that the applicant submit a letter to staff from a certified arborist that addresses the question of suitability of additional plantings and site work within the root zone of the American Elm in the back yard, and suggests appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of any work.

Mr. Wolf seconded the motion.

The BAR approved (6-0) with provisions.

- 2. Certificate of Appropriateness Application**
- BAR 10-09-04**
- 109 East Jefferson Street**
- Tax Map 33 Parcel 194**
- Jeff Dreyfus, Bushman Dreyfus Arch. PLC, Applicant/ Janice Cook Aron, Owner**
- Site plan and details.**

Ms. Scala gave the report.

The applicant was present and presented the BAR with some updates on the site plan.

Questions from the Public:

There were no questions from the public

Questions from the Board:

The Board wanted to confirm what material is being used for the pool and deck. They also wanted to know the reason for the changes.

The Board wanted to know the material of the fence and what type of privacy the church would have.

Comments from the Public:

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Board:

There were no comments from the Board.

Mr. Wolf said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City design Guidelines for Site Design, I move to find the proposed site plan and details satisfy the BAR's criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in this district and that the BAR approves the application as submitted, taking in account friendly recommendations for further consideration of the trash enclosure and the color of the wood fence, a dark color is preferred to white.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion.

The BAR approved (7-0) with considerations.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness Application

BAR 10-09-08

422 East Main Street

Tax Map 28 Parcel 52

Marthe Rowen, Applicant/ Gabriel Silverman, Owner

Revision of approved application: large openings on front and side, folding glass

Windows replaced with aluminum and glass sliders, sill lowered to floor, railings

Height on roof slightly higher and shortened aluminum bar rail on roof.

Ms. Scala gave the staff report.

Questions from the Public:

There were no questions from the public.

Questions from the Board:

The Board wanted to know if the brick corner would be adjusted and would the panels have the same material.

The Board wanted to know the impact this would have on the adjoining building.

Comments from the Public

Charles Lewis, owner of adjoining building-against windows being taken out. His tenants view will be blocked by the wall. His tenants will have to move out for the project to be completed.

Comments from the Board

The Board appreciates the revisions of the windows in the front being consistent.

Ms. Brennan said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Rehabilitations, I move to find that the proposed façade renovation revisions satisfy the BAR criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in this district and that the BAR approves the application as submitted.

The BAR approved (7-0) the plan as submitted.

The agenda order of the next two items was reversed because the applicant for item 4 was late in arriving at the meeting.

E. New Items

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application**
BAR 11-02-01
120 7th Street NE
Tax Map 53 Parcel 16
Scott Hendrix, Applicant/ City of Charlottesville, Owner
Security enhancement to west side of City Hall Annex

Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public

Questions from the Board

There were no questions from the Board

Comments from the Public

There were no questions from the public

Comments from the Board

The Board discussed some options of making the security enhancement as transparent as possible, and to match what is already there.

Mr. Wolf said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Rehabilitations and Site Design, I move to find that the proposed security enhancements satisfy the BAR's criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in this district, and that the BAR approves the application **with the following considerations to come back to staff for staff approval: Align the top of the storefront with the bottom of the lintel; align the top of the pickets on the security gate with the top of the lintel; review the spacing of the pickets to maintain some transparency (so someone entering will know what is inside); use of a straight versus an offset handle to work with the vertical alignment of the pickets; the glass being clear; the signage font to be consistent with other signage on the building; the color of the storefront and bars to be all matte black with black caps.**

The BAR approved the motion (7-0).

Mr. Knight left the meeting before the vote on the next item:

4. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application**
Bar 11-02-02

**600 Block of Downtown Mall
Tax Map 53 Parcel 160
Ed Smith, Designer/ City of Charlottesville, Owner
Sister Cities Clock Details**

Ms. Scala gave the report.

Applicant was present and added a few details to the report.

Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public

Questions from the board

There were no questions from the Board

Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public

Comments from the board

Mr. Wolf wanted to make sure the clock is away from the free speech wall. He would prefer it near the Pavilion. He is also very comfortable about the entire design.

The Board feels there are a lot of things in the way. They also feel that the clock should be moved back towards the southern side of the mall, so that it would stand alone. They feel the location should be played with.

Mr. Wolf said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design, Guidelines for Public Improvements, I move to find that the proposed Sister Cities Clock design satisfies the BAR's criteria and is compatible with this property and other properties in this district, and that the BAR approves the application as submitted with the exception that the precise location and precise resolution of the meridian line extensions are yet to be resolved and will come back to the BAR for further review. However, the scale, proportions, height materiality all these issues are approved as submitted. The BAR suggested moving the clock to the south so that both the clock and the granite shadow line are located in the open area between the granite squares. A running bond was suggested for ends of the meridian line.

Ms. Brennan seconded the motion.

The BAR approved the motion (5-0-1 with Mr. Hogg abstaining).

F. Matters from the public not on the agenda

John Anderson representing the property owner at 225 E Jefferson Street inquired about replacing windows in the Queen Charlotte condominium building. The BAR suggested that the applicant look into using the same brand (Peachtree) as the other windows but fitted with a custom design or if the applicant proposes a different window brand (Kolbe) he should make the condo association aware that BAR approval could be setting a precedent for future approvals.

G. Other Business

Mr. Hogg noted recent changes to a building on Elliewood Avenue that may not have been received approvals.

H. Adjournment

7:05p.m.