

**City of Charlottesville
Board of Architectural Review
July 17, 2012
Minutes**

Present:

Syd Knight, Chair
Preston Coiner
Candace DeLoach
Melanie Miller
William Adams, Vice-Chair
Michael Osteen
Whit Graves
Tim Mohr
Brian Hogg

Also Present:

Mary Joy Scala

Mr. Knight convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

A. Matters from the public not on the agenda- None

B. Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes – Minutes –May 15, 2012 and June 19, 2012 May minutes approved (9-0) on consent agenda.**

C. Projects in Non-Compliance- No report.

D. Previously Deferred Items

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness Application
(Approved subject to further review of details in January 2012)
BAR 11-12-04
201 E Main Street
Tax Map 33 Parcel 240.1
Central Place Limited Partnership, Owner/ Fabian Kuttner, Applicant
Replace cloth awnings with Corten steel awnings**

Mary Joy Scala presented the staff report.

The applicant, Fabian Kuttner, was present and added that the white trim looks nice, and they would prefer to look at changing the trim color once the awning is in place.

Questions or Comments from the Public

There were none.

Questions or Comments from the Board

- Thanked the applicant for taking time to look at the detail a little harder and feel it's a much better project.
- Would like the building trim looked at once the awning is in place and possibly change to other than white.

Mr. Mohr said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Signs, Awnings, Vending & Cafes , I move to find that the proposed Corten awning 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 with a friendly suggestion to look at the trim color (to possibly change from white to an earth color) once the awnings are installed.

Mr. Graves seconded the motion

The BAR approved (6-3 with Hogg, Adams and Coiner opposed).

E. New Items

2. Certificate of Appropriateness

BAR 12-07-02

513 W Main Street

Tax Map 32 Parcel 172

Ross McDermott, Charlottesville Mural project, Applicant

West Main Street, LLC, Owner

New mural painted on brick wall

Ms. Scala presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and added that they are trying to design something that is architecturally connected to the building.

Questions or Comments from the Board

- Will there still be a mural going on the courtyard side of the building?
- Which wall is the applicant seeking approval for?
- Is approval being requested for this wall and will the applicant come back for re-approval of the courtyard mural?
- What is the visual life span of the wall?
- This is not a color to wake up and see in the morning.
- There are a lot of issues and questions being raised about the application.
- Applicant fails on a lot of issues and does not meet guidelines.
- Feel that the courtyard location is more appropriate.
- The mass is too much.
- Feel that art work could be nice on this façade, just not this art work.

The applicant stated that the first designer quit, but they are working on a new design for the courtyard. The life span for the wall would be 25 years. They would like this facade approved and will come back and get the courtyard re-approved.

Questions or Comments from the Public

Fabian Kuttner stated that all he wants to see is a beautiful city and please don't keep the ugly flowers that are on the wall now. There have been a lot of studies and murals in other cities and they have changed neighborhoods and made them look great.

The applicant requested a deferral.

Mr. Coiner made motion to accept the applicant's request for a deferral.

Mr. Graves seconded the motion.

The BAR accepted (9-0) the applicant's request for deferral. The applicant was asked to rethink putting a mural on both sides of the building, and any mural on the west side should be more sympathetic to the architecture of the building. Scale and color are issues.

F. Matters from the public not on the agenda -None

G. Other Business – Syd will be away when the 601 Park Street appeal is heard by City Council on August 20.

8:10 H. Adjournment -6:30 pm