

**City of Charlottesville  
Board of Architectural Review  
August 21, 2012  
Minutes**

**Present:**

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

**Not Present**

Syd Knight, Chair  
Michael Osteen

**Also Present:**

Mary Joy Scala  
Kristin Rourke

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

**A. Matters from the public not on the agenda-**

Keith Woodard had questions regarding 101 and 105 E Main Street façade approvals. The BAR said he should use vitrolite (black glass) on façade of 101 and not black granite. They agreed that the beam and storefront on 105 could be squared off but wanted to see documentation of the new design.

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. **Minutes July 17, 2012 Minutes- Approved (7-0)**

**C. Projects in Non-Compliance- No Report.**

**D. Previously Deferred Items**

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application (applicant requests deferral)**

~~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~~

2. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application (applicant requests deferral)**

~~BAR 12-05-03~~

~~315 W Main Street~~

~~Tax Map 32 Parcels 197 and 198~~

~~Clark Gathright, Applicant/VIM, Inc., Owner~~

~~New 7-story hotel~~

**E. New Items**

**3. Certificate of Appropriateness**

BAR 12-08-01

718, 722 Preston Avenue

Tax Map 31 Parcel 38

SMBW, PLLC, Applicant/ City Campus, LLC, Owner

Rehabilitation of Coca Cola Bottling Plant

Mary Joy presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and stated that they are trying to get the structure back to its original form.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The BAR feels this is a very terrific project. They feel it's a shame to hide the store front windows with street trees.

*Mr. Hogg said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Rehabilitation, and for Site Design, I move to find that the proposed site design and building rehabilitation 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 but the BAR requests that the applicant consider ways to preserve the axis of the original main entrance in a robust manner by revisiting the design of the stair and plinth as currently proposed or by pursuing modifications to site requirements in the zoning code which could include reconfiguring/eliminating street trees, revisiting species with less foliage/visual impact or whatever other routes might help to preserve the primacy of the front door as a significant element of the building elevation.*

Mr. Coiner seconded the motion

**The BAR approved (7-0) the application as submitted,**

**4. Certificate of Appropriateness**

BAR 12-08-02

1310 Wertland Street

Tax Map 10 Parcel 10 and 11

Clark Gathright, Applicant/ Dinsmore LLC, Owner

Removal of a tree

Ms. Scala Presented the staff report. She also stated that the applicant was not present, but wished for the BAR to make a decision.

The BAR felt that documentation present was enough to support the removal of the tree. Some members have viewed the site and feel the tree is taking over the property.

*Mr. Hogg 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 tree removal satisfies the BAR's criteria and is compatible with this property and other properties in this district, and that the BAR the application as submitted.*

Mr. Mohr seconded the motion

**The BAR approved (7-0)**

5. **Certificate of Appropriateness**  
BAR 12-08-03  
215 West Water Street  
Tax Map 28 Parcel 9  
Todd Howard, Applicant/Owner  
Construct 8 benches

Ms. Scala presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and added that the benches would have either a walnut or mahogany finish.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**Questions or Comments from the Board**

- Will something be done to the back of the benches
- Will this be a standard deck bench
- Will the benches be attached to the patio
- Feel that pressured treated benches aren't right for the street
- Style the back almost like a fence making it less apparent

The applicant stated he will take any recommendation on how to construct the back of the benches and what color or finish to make the benches.

*Mr. Mohr said, having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Signs, Awnings, Vending and Cafes, I move to find that the new outdoor patio benches satisfy the BAR's criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in this district, and that the BAR approves the benches pending submittal of details for detailed approval. Digital images may be circulated to the BAR for review.*

Ms. Miller seconded the motion

**The BAR approved (7-0)**

6. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application (Applicant requests deferral)**  
~~BAR 12-08-04~~  
~~1600 Grady Avenue~~  
~~Tax Map 5 Parcel 110~~  
~~Preston Court Limited Partnership, Applicant/ Lynn Hall Ward, Owner~~  
~~Remove 6 trees~~

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

**G. Other Business –**

Miller asked about the schedule to add glass to the pedestrian streetlights on West Main Street, and noted that Balkan Bistro had not yet painted the canopy supports as required by the BAR.

Hogg noted that the garage door jambs on the Parks and Rec building on First Street South had not been painted yet.

Staff told the BAR about a joint session with the BAR, City Council, and the PLACE task force on Thursday September 6 from 5-7 p.m. in City Space.

She noted that the two chimneys and curtain wall at 503 W Main Street were almost rebuilt.

She asked the BAR to look at her email regarding Preservation Awards and decide if they concurred with the three suggested recipients.

**8:10 H. Adjournment -6:50 pm**