

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
JULY 25, 1979  
7:45 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held this date in the conference room of the Department of Community Development with the following members present:

Ruth Wadlington  
Ashlin Smith  
John Farmer  
Edward Lay  
Warren Martin  
Charlotte Ramsey

Members Absent

Theo Van Groll

City Officials Present

Satyendra Singh Huja  
Ronald Higgins

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Wadlington.

The report of the Nominating Committee was made by Charlotte Ramsey. Nominated as new officers of the Board of Architectural Review were:

John Farmer, Chairman  
Warren Martin, Vice-Chairman  
Ashlin Smith, Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of the Nominating Committee was unanimously accepted, and the meeting was turned over to the new Chairman.

The minutes were approved and seconded with the following correction: Delete "City Officials Present: James H. Davis".

Case No. 79-79: Sign for F.L. Buck. Deferred item. Since the new section of the sign ordinance dealing with the replacement or consolidation of existing signs is applicable to this case. The Board of Architectural Review unanimously repealed the conditions attached to the certificate of appropriateness requiring that the sign be attached to the building.

Case No. 79-83: Charlottesville Regional Library Post Office Renovations - East Market Street. New Application. Mr. Jack Rinehart, A.I.A., explained the final details of the project requested by the members of the Board of Architectural Review at their initial meeting with Mr. Rinehart on April 18, 1979. The details of the proposed changes in the post office building were presented in the following order.

1. Landscape design
2. Book-drop design
3. Sign
4. Guardrail on ramp
5. Entrance to Stair #1
6. Facia of loading dock
7. Exterior lighting

In his discussion of each of these changes, Mr. Rinehart, described any new materials to be used without the use of samples indicating that the selection of new materials will be based on the ability of the new materials to match the existing materials. With further questions the members of the Board of Architectural Review expressed their agreement with the architects desire to retain the original and monumental character of the post office. The only disagreement expressed was related to the concept of planning a ramp leading to the main entrance of the renovated building. The opinion was that although the Architect had designed the ramp to be as unobtrusive to the symmetry of the front facade as possible, a lack of symmetry was nevertheless noticeable and, therefore, detrimental to the original design of the building. Warren Martin suggested that if there were no legal restraints to the location of such a ramp, the Architect should study the possibility of placing a ramp at the side entrance on Second Street, NE. The Board then voted unanimously to grant a certificate of appropriateness on all points with the condition that the Architect explore the relocation of the ramp for the handicapped at the Second Street entrance.

Case No. 79-85: Sign for Lionbridge Antiques: Deferred Item. The owners of Lionbridge Antiques were present but no written data or drawings of their sign were presented. The size of the sign was in question. Mr. Huja and Mr. Higgins explained Section 31-171 of the City ordinance dealing with the replacement or consolidation of existing signs. The owners of the sign estimated the total sign surface to be no greater than 12 square feet. At the time that the dimensions of the sign can be certified and are in fact a total of 12 square feet, the Board of Architectural Review will grant a certificate of appropriateness.

Another matter discussed was the sign ordinance as it applies to the ADC District. After a meeting of Ashlin Smith and Ed Lay with the City Attorney and after a meeting of Ruth Wadlington and Ashlin Smith with the Department of Community Development earlier this month, there was sufficient interpretation of the sign ordinance by City officials for the members of the Board of Architectural Review to proceed with a study of ways in which the sign ordinance can further support the purpose of the District. Ashlin Smith and Ed Lay were appointed to initiate this study and present a list of questions and points to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

A report of the Department of Community Development reviewed the following matters:

1. Proposed staff activities.
2. Schedule of meetings, which after discussion will remain as already stated.
3. Procedure Chart, which was approved by the Board with the recommendation that footnote #1 be stated directly below the heading of the Chart.
4. Sign Ordinance which the department will further help to interpret and to which the department will assist the Board of Architectural Review members in making possible amendments.
5. Staffing.

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6. Review of ADC boundaries and other types of sites with which the Board of Architectural Review is expected to deal, both now and in the future. On display was a map of the City delineating in different colors the ADC district and outside of it, structures built before 1870, significant structures built after 1970 and landmarks.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ashlin Smith, Secretary