

**BAR MINUTES
CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Zoom Webinar**



Welcome to this Regular Monthly Meeting of the Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review (BAR). Due to the current public health emergency, this meeting is being held online via Zoom. The meeting process will be as follows: For each item, staff will make a brief presentation followed by the applicant's presentation, after which members of the public will be allowed to speak. Speakers shall identify themselves, and give their current address. Members of the public will have, for each case, up to three minutes to speak. Public comments should be limited to the BAR's jurisdiction; that is, regarding the exterior design of the building and site. Following the BAR's discussion, and before the vote, the applicant shall be allowed up to three minutes to respond, for the purpose of clarification. Thank you for participating.

Members Present: Breck Gastinger, Clayton Strange, Hunter Smith, Ron Bailey, James Zehmer, Jody Lahendro, David Timmerman, Robert Edwards

Members Absent: Cheri Lewis

Staff Present: Patrick Cory, Jeff Werner, Robert Watkins

Pre-Meeting:

There was no Pre-Meeting.

A. Matters from the public not on the agenda

No Comments from the Public

B. Consent Agenda (Note: Any consent agenda item may be pulled and moved to the regular agenda if a BAR member wishes to discuss it, or if any member of the public is present to comment on it. Pulled applications will be discussed at the beginning of the meeting.)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2021

Mr. Zehmer moved to table the Consent Agenda until a quorum was present in the meeting. Second by Mr. Gastineger. Motion passes 6-0.

Mr. Zehmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda once a quorum was in attendance for the meeting. Second by Mr. Bailey. Motion passes 5-0, with 3 abstentions.

C. Introduction of new BAR members

Each member of the BAR and staff made brief introductions for the new members of the BAR. It was an opportunity for the new members of the BAR to get to know the current members and staff. City staff went over the legal role that the BAR plays in the different districts within the City of Charlottesville and the different properties.

Decisions made by the BAR can be appealed to City Council.

Projects can be approved only one time by the BAR and not incrementally.

There was also discussion surrounding the different parts of a BAR meeting.

D. Deferred Items

No Items

E. New Items

No Items

F. Discussion Items

No Items

G. Other Business

Staff Questions/Discussion

- There was discussion of the Preservation Awards and those who will be receiving the Preservation Awards.
- One of the awards was for the design of the Enslaved Memorial at the University of Virginia.
- There was a brief discussion regarding each of the Preservation Awards.
- Review of Design Guidelines
- Review of City Code Div. 2: Historical Preservation and Architectural Design Control Overlay Districts and Div. 5: Historic Conservation Overlay Districts
- The guidelines were last reviewed in 2012. The City is currently working on a new Comprehensive Plan.
- The hope is to bring on a consultant to review the guidelines in July, 2022.
- The City is revising and updating the zoning ordinance. Staff asked the BAR to review the zoning ordinance to see if there are any recommendations for changes in the zoning ordinance to be submitted to the consultants working on the zoning ordinance revision.
- The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has awarded the City of Charlottesville a grant for a historic survey of the Downtown Mall. It is of the landscape elements installed by Lawrence Halpern in the 1970s and features since installed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.