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CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
March 18, 1997

Members Present

Dawn Thompson
Blake Caravati
Eldon Wood
Pryor Hale

Members Absent

Kurt Wassenaar, Chairman
Todd Bullard, Vice Chairman

Staff Present

Marcia Joseph
Alice Pool

3:30PM The meeting began.

Because the chairman and the vice chairman were not present the members present elected Mr. Caravati to act as chairman.

BAR -97-03-07 530 East Main Street

Mr. Caravati asked the applicant, Ms. Womack to present the item to the BAR.

Ms. Womack explained that she proposed replacing the large windows in the rear of the building with windows that would match the windows in the front of the building. She said that the windows in the rear were fixed, and that they preferred to have windows that were operable.

Ms. Womack continued to explain that she had done research to try and find a picture or recollection from a former owner illustrating the original windows. She said that the building had been used as a funeral home, a livery and a cabinet maker.

Mr. Caravati asked if they intended to change the bottom tier of windows.

Ms. Womack said they were not intending to do the bottom, because the tops of the windows in this area are arched, making it more difficult to build windows for the existing openings. Ms. Womack also introduced a letter from her neighbor stating his support of the proposal to change the windows.

Ms. Thompson asked about the existing windows.

Mr. Wood answered that they were fixed wood sash windows with a solid pane of glass.

Ms. Thompson asked if the windows were tinted.

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Ms. Womack stated that they were not tinted.

Pryor Hale moved to grant a certificate of appropriateness of the project as presented.

Eldon Wood seconded the motion.

The BAR voted unanimously (4:0) to approve the request.

Mr. Caravati suggested that if the bottom tier of windows is to be replaced, to use the windows that were just approved in the bottom tier.

April's Corner - Sign

Mr. Caravati asked staff to present the request.

Ms. Joseph indicated that the sign had been submitted for administrative approval and staff did not feel comfortable approving the sign colors as submitted.

The BAR discussed the colors on the sign and the awning and concluded that they could support the request for permit approval.

Pryor Hale moved to approve the sign and dark blue awning as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Eldon Wood.

The motion passed unanimously (4:0).

3:45 p.m. Greg Bleam entered.

Mr. Caravati stated that they should think about sign standards when they are compiling the design guidelines for West Main Street and provide specific enough guidelines for administrative approval for the signs in this area.

Prioritizing Monument Cleaning

Alice Pool presented a request to the BAR asking them to recommend the order that they would prefer to see three prominent monuments cleaned. The monuments suggested for cleaning are the:

- 1) Lewis and Clark - artist Charles Keck
- 2) Stonewall Jackson - artist Charles Keck
- 3) Robert E. Lee

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She presented information about the three monuments, the grant, and the City contribution for funding the project.

The BAR then discussed the condition of the statues, the most visible location, the one connected with neighborhood identification and other possible sources for funding the cleaning.

Pryor Hale questioned if there was something that could be done to stabilize the corrosion process.

Ms. Pool answered that the waxing technique is not advisable to use.

Gregg Bleam asked if the University had been contacted.

Ms. Pool said that the University was aware that this was happening.

The BAR agreed to prioritize as follows:

1) Lewis and Clark, 2) Stonewall Jackson, 3) Robert E. Lee

Meeting Time

Ms. Joseph then asked the BAR to discuss changing the time of the day the BAR meets. She explained that City Council would like them to consider a change in time.

Mr. Wood indicated that he will be leaving the BAR once his replacement is chosen.

Ms. Hale supported changing the time to allow more people with less flexible schedules to serve on the Board.

Mr. Bleam said he had no objection to changing the time to later hours.

Ms. Thompson stated that it would be difficult to meet in the evenings, but she thought that she might be able to meet at 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Caravati suggested starting the meeting at 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. He also directed staff to consult with Mr. Wassenaar and Mr. Bullard.

Ice Rink Awnings

The BAR discussed the proposal to place black balloon awnings over five of the windows on the Water Street side of the building.

They agreed that they would like to see the material, and suggested that the color of the material should match the roof color.

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Union Station

The Board then discussed the Planning Commission meeting when the Union Station site was reviewed.

Mr. Caravati stated that the item would come before the BAR for approval on the site work.

Minutes

Mr. Caravati suggested allowing electronic amendments to the minutes to occur.

Pryor Hale moved to allow the Board members to phone or fax the changes to the January 21, 1997 minutes to Ms. Joseph by 4:30 p.m. March 19, 1997. She would then poll the members to gain consensus on the changes requested. This was seconded by Eldon Wood and passed unanimously (4:0).

The BAR questioned whether the orange and blue pennants on the downtown Mall have legal status, and if the banners on Papa John's on West Main Street are legal. Ms. Joseph said she would investigate the status of the pennants and banners.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.