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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

APRIL 21, 1992

Present:

Kurt Wassenaar, Chairman
Pryor Hale
Blake Caravati
Margaret Van Yahres
Dawn Thompson
Eldon Wood

Absent:

Courtney Sargeant
Todd Bullard

Staff Present:

Fred Boger
Vera Mason

Mr. Wassenaar, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

A. MINUTES

Mr. Wassenaar made a motion that the minutes of the March 17, 1992 meeting be approved. This was seconded by Pryor Hale with the following correction: Page 2, line 3, first word "her" should be replaced with the words "the Board". The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Mr. Wassenaar, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Van Yahres, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Wood; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 1 - Mr. Caravati.

Mr. Wassenaar made a motion that the minutes of the February 18, 1992 meeting be approved. This was seconded by Mrs. Van Yahres and passed by the following vote: Mr. Wassenaar, Mr. Caravati, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Van Yahres, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Wood; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0.

The two new members, Ms. Dawn Thompson and Mr. Eldon Wood were introduced to the Board. Mr. Wood is an architect/historian and Ms. Thompson has served on the National Trust for 15 years and has lived in older homes.

B. 1. BAR 92-04-382

414 E. Main Street Outdoor Cafe,
Chubby's, Michael Gallagher, Applicant

Mr. & Mrs. Gallagher were present and showed the Board the concrete statues and chain they planned to use to border their outdoor cafe. Mr. Gallagher explained that this type of statue, depicting a small child holding a planter, is used in Atlanta. He said the statue reflects the European flavor that Thomas Jefferson brought back from Europe and would add beauty to cafe area. He stated that the cafe planned to have nine of them. The planter was holding imitation plantings. Mr. Gallagher said the chain was solid. He believed the statues and chain would complement the wrought-iron furniture. Mr. Gallagher also showed the Board some pictures of commercial garbage cans they were planning on using.

Mr. Gallagher stated the cafe would use non-breakable dishes and plastic trays with covers. The tables, chairs and waitress stations have already been

approved. Mr. Eldon asked if umbrellas would be used and he was told no. Mrs. Van Yahres asked if trash containers would be incorporated into the waitress stations. Mr. Gallagher responded that the trash cans and signage issues have not yet been resolved. He had considered using concrete trash cans but decided against it. Mr. Wassenaar said he did not like the commercial trash cans described in the catalogue, but suggested they be approved administratively to save holding up the Gallaghers. Mr. Caravati said a company called Upbeat, Inc. in New Jersey has a large variety of trash cans to choose from.

Mrs. Van Yahres said that plastic plantings were not appropriate, and suggested that flower pots be put into the pedestals and that live flowers and greenery be placed in them. Mr. Caravati expressed concern that the pedestals would be pushed over and said they should be chained together for security reasons. Mr. Gallagher said he could buy some cable and lock them together. Mrs. Van Yahres said the Board should absolve itself from any responsibility concerning damage or injury.

Mr. Wassenaar said the Board needed to be responsive to aesthetic concerns and made the following motion:

That the application as presented be approved subject to the following requirements:

1. That the applicant look at alternative designs for trash cans and submit them to Kurt Wassenaar and Fred Boger for administrative approval by July 1, 1992.
2. That all chains have a weak link to prevent a child from injury.
3. That any plantings or flowers be placed in the pedestals be live.

The above motion was seconded by Blake Caravati and passed by the following vote: Ayes: Wassenaar, Van Yahres, Caravati, Hale, Eldon, Thompson; Noes: None; Abstentions: None

Mr. Boger reminded the Gallaghers that they needed to bring in their insurance policy and a \$25.00 check before proceeding further.

2. BAR 91-04-358A

603 Farish Street, New Cottage
R. Stan Tatum, Applicant

Mr. Boger reported that Mr. Tatum would now like to leave the stucco surface of the cottage natural rather than painting it as proposed. The cottage was built to architecturally tie-in with the main house. The trim is off-white. Mr. Tatum and staff believed the natural finish would blend in well with the cottage's setting.

Mr. Caravati cautioned that the stucco would change green in color and

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suggested a clear sealant with fungicide in it would be better. Mr. Wassenaar concurred, saying that without a sealant, moisture would get into the stucco finish. Ms. Van Yahres stated that dirt tends to adhere to stucco and with trees dripping on it, a protective sealant was certainly necessary.

Mr. Wassenaar made the motion to approve leaving the stucco natural in color provided it is coated with a sealant containing fungicide to prevent discoloration. The motion was seconded by Eldon Wood and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Wassenaar, Caravati, Hale, Van Yahres, Thompson, Wood; Noes: None; Abstentions: None.

3. BAR 92-4-382

112 Market Street, New Fence
Joyce Forehand, First Christian
Church

Mr. Boger reported that no-one would be available from the Church at this meeting, but would come back at a later date. They wanted a wooden fence (to be painted), to secure the area for their Day Care Center.

Mr. Wassenaar said the applicant needs to come back with site plan and give details on the fence. Ms. Thompson thought an iron fence would be better but realizes the the cost is prohibitive.

C. HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

Mr. Wassenaar reported that he had spoken to Kaye Slaughter about a fund for historic preservation, and that it was agreed that \$30,000.00 be put into a historic preservation revolving fund. He said he doesn't know whether any money was designated for the Paramount, but he knew that historic preservation was gaining momentum in Charlottesville. On this latter subject, Mr. Wassenaar said that sub-committees should be formed for the following:

- a) Development of a landmarks preservation plan
- b) Consideration of other architectural design control districts
- c) Architectural design standards for carts, tables and cafes on the Downtown Mall.
- d) To discuss an award being offered for outstanding efforts to renovate and restore old buildings.

Mr. Wassenaar said that such standards would give Mr. Boger the tools and clarity he needs to make decisions, as the absence of standards is leading to chaos. He thought that some University of Virginia students from the School of Architecture would like to design control standards. An alternative would be to hire a firm. City Council approved \$2,000.00 to develop a preservation plan and designate guidelines. He said a work session needed to be arranged so mem-

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bers could break up into sub-committees to move matters forward.

Mr. Wassenaar proposed a work session of 3-4 hours be arranged for a Saturday or one evening to address the above issues. Monday, April 27 was suggested from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room. He also said he would prepare the agenda. He thought other people also would like to have some input.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kurt Wassenaar that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Pryor Hale and unanimously approved.

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