

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 24, 1992

Present:

Kurt Wassenaar
Dawn Thompson
Administrator
Eldon Wood
Peggy Van Yahres
Blake Caravati
Martha de Jarnette

Absent:

Pryor Hale
Todd Bullard

Staff Present

Satyendra Singh Huja, Director
Fred Boger, Zoning Administrator
Jeanine Wolanski, Planner II

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

I BAR 92-11-395B

215 E. Main Street, Exterior
Changes to Paramount Theatre
Sheldon Anderson, Applicant

Mr. Boger briefly presented the application to the Board. He said that staff had no major problems with the proposed exterior work on this building. Mr. Huja stated that the present City Ordinances do not permit the installation of the projecting sign on front of the building as proposed. The maximum use permitted is ten square feet per face and this proposed sign exceeds this limit.

Mr. Craig Morrison, Architect, was present and explained in detail the proposed exterior work.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Van Yahres moved to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior work on the building as submitted with the condition that a sample of the brick for the parapets, final paint colors, and specific information on the exterior lighting be submitted to the Board for review and approval.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously passed by all members present.

Following the motion, the Board stated that it recognizes the original sign on front of the building was part of the building's architecture, and it would support any efforts of the applicant and the City to achieve restoration of this sign.

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
NOVEMBER 17, 1992**

Present:

Kurt Wassenaar
Blake Caravati
Peggy Van Yahres
Eldon Wood

Absent:

Todd Bullard
Pryor Hale
Dawn Thompson

Staff Present:

Satyendra Singh Huja
Fred Boger
Vera Mason, Recording
Secretary

Mr. Wassenaar opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m. and stated the minutes of last month's meeting would be dispensed with at the end of the meeting.

A. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. BAR 92-11-395 111-115 W. Main St. Proposed Paint
Colors: NST Properties

After discussing the proposed color scheme for the ground floor retail shops, the Board members agreed to appoint Kurt Wassenaar to administratively approve the paint colors.

B. 218 W. MAIN STREET

Mr. Boger presented the staff report and stated the changes to the above property were necessary to alleviate the present alcove being used for undesirable purposes. The plan was to remove the show window and bring it to the front property line. The existing front window will be removed and a door installed for upstairs entry. Mr. Boger said the design would be in keeping with the existing facade materials.

Mrs. Dean, owner of the Downtown Athletic Store, was present and said there would be no other changes.

Mrs. Van Yahres made the motion that the proposed changes be approved as submitted, on the condition that the same materials and colors be in keeping with the rest of that section of the building. The motion was seconded by Blake Caravati and passed by the following vote: Ayes: Kurt Wassenaar, Blake Caravati, Peggy Van Yahres and Eldon Wood. Noes: None; Abstentions: 0.

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D. EAST END MALL EXTENSION

Vera Mason, recording secretary, informed the Board that Dawn Thompson had asked her to convey the message that the stage of the ampitheatre was absolutely essential. In the memorandum to the Michie Design Committee the wording had been "seems essential".

Mr. Huja stated that he would like the Board of Architectural Review members to meet with the Michie Design Committee members on Tuesday, November 24 at 9:00 a.m. at which time he hoped to have some material to distribute. The Paramount Theatre would also be discussed at that time. Mr. Wassenaar said that the Paramount sign would be put back up and that a picture of it would be presented to the Board for its approval.

E. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Jeanine Wolanski distributed to revised plan which included a couple of major changes. She stated that Conservation Districts are not allowed in Virginia according to State Enabling legislation, and they were deleted from the plan. Ms. Wolanski also stated that there will be pictures in the final draft. Mr. Wassenaar said he would be glad to let her use an aerial picture of the Downtown area for use on the cover page. Additional information would be included in the back of the book for reader information. Ms. Wolanski said she was waiting for some further information from the National Park Service to include in the final plan. When it is ready it would be examined at a joint public hearing meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council in December or January.

The Board members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Wolanski and stated she had done an excellent job.

F. RIDGE STREET BRIDGE

Mr. Boger brought in some samples of Webster's standard size running bond brick to show the Board members which met with the Board's approval.

G. 621 LEXINGTON AVENUE

Mr. Wassenaar asked for the survey report on the above house and was told by Mr. Huja that several houses or a block could be considered for historic preservation, but not individual houses according to the City Attorney's interpretation of State law.

H. MINUTES

Mr. Caravati made the motion that the October 21, 1992 minutes be approved as presented. This was seconded by Peggy Van Yahres and passed by the follow-