

# DRAFT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

AUGUST 17, 1993

Present:

Kurt Wassenaar  
Michael Williams  
Martha de Jarnette  
Dawn Thompson  
Pryor Hale  
Eldon Wood

Absent:

Todd Bullard  
Blake Caravati  
Peggy Van Yahres

Staff:

Fred Boger  
Vera Mason,  
Recording Sec.

Representative

Ashlyn Smith,  
NDRA

Mr. Wassenaar opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

A. MINUTES

Mr. Wassenaar suggested that the minutes of the June 15, June 18 (Special meeting) and July 20, 1993 meetings be waived until the end of the meeting.

B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

1. BAR 93-07-416

215 West Water Street  
Brasca Restaurant

Mr. Boger submitted staff's report, stating that the main concern was the introduction of wood timber in the Downtown Historic District. It would set a precedent if approved.

Ms. Donna Doll, applicant, and Mr. Richard Boyd of Daggett and Grigg were present. Mr. Boyd said the applicants only have a limited budget, and that he has seen whiskey barrels on the Mall. Mr. Wassenaar responded that the whiskey barrels are permitted only on a temporary basis as a concession to the Farmers Market. An alternative to timber would be lap siding. The applicants could have 4 x 4-ft. wood posts with painted siding on one side and plywood on the other side. The plan is to plant ivy so that it would eventually cover the siding.

Also, because of their tight budget, the applicants would not be able to afford brick in the patio area, and were proposing to have a smooth, concrete pavement.

A motion was made by Martha de Jarnette to approve the proposal to install vertical posts with lap siding for the planter, subject to administrative approval. All the other items are to be approved as proposed. Dawn Thompson seconded the

motion, and it carried unanimously.

B. BAR 93-07-421 202

2nd Street NE - Landscape Plan  
Albemarle Co. Historical Soc.

Ms. Melinda Frierson of the Albemarle County Historical Society; Ms. Candace Smith of Smith-Garrett Architects; and a representative of Riley and Associates were present. Their main purpose in coming before the Board was to ask permission to remove some of the plantings from the property at 202 Second Street, NE to allow more of the building to be exposed. They want to remove some azaleas, juniper, and boxwood plantings and use other types of plantings instead. They proposed planting an evergreen hedge to screen the basement windows; removing shrubbery in front of the building and establish a periwinkle edge. They also proposed to plant an Amelanchier (Serviceberry) tree, as well as Japanese Pachysandra, laurel, hemlock, littleleaf box, and flower beds.

Mr. Eldon agreed that some of the boxwoods should be removed, as well as the Juniper tree. Pryor Hale said she likes to see old plantings and would be sorry to see them go.

Mr. Wassenaar wondered whether the boxwoods could be located elsewhere. Ashlyn Smith said she hopes they could find a new home and that perhaps one of the cemeteries or other City property could have them. Mr. Wassenaar said that exposing the architectural qualities of the building supersedes concerns about saving the plants at the Second Street site. Mr. Wassenaar made the recommendation that reasonable efforts be made to preserve the boxwoods. Ms. Thompson asked how soon they would need to be uprooted, and was told in November.

Mr. Wassenaar made the motion that the Board accept the landscaping plan as submitted, with the recommendation that homes be targeted for the boxwood shrubs, if possible. Also, no lights can glare on to nearby residential properties. Martha de Jarnette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

Vending Cart - Capaccino Espresso

Mr. Boger stated that he had received a request for a vending cart to be approved. He showed the Board members a photograph of a very modern type of cart which had no bicycle wheels, just small wheels. It cost \$6,000.00.

Mr. Wassenaar thought the overall design of the cart was

good, and Mr. Wood indicated he liked it. However, Mr. Williams thought the applicant should re-design his cart to utilize the bicycle wheels. He also expressed concern that restaurants on the Mall would lose business if approval was given. Mr. Boger said he informs vendors not to locate their carts near businesses that sell similar products.

Mr. Wassenaar made the motion that the Board approve this cart as an exception to the normal design standard requirements based on the overall aesthetic qualities and design integrity of this specific cart as presented. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote: Ayes: Mr. Wassenaar, Ms. Hale, Ms. de Jarnette, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Wood. Noes: Mr. Williams.

Building Permit Application - Mr. Stroh, Parking Garage Authority

Mr. Stroh is seeking a building permit application from the City for the Social Security Office on the second floor of the parking garage. A vestibule-type arrangement would be installed so that all the lines match. The Board members agreed to look at this Office following the approval of the minutes. \*\*

D. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Wassenaar, seconded by Ms. Hale, that the minutes of the June 15, 1993 meeting be approved. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Michael Williams, Eldon Wood, Martha de Jarnette and Dawn Thompson. Noes: 0. Abstentions: Kurt Wassenaar, Pryor Hale.

A motion was made by Mr. Wassenaar, seconded by Ms. Hale, that the minutes of the June 18, 1993 special meeting be approved. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Kurt Wassenaar, Eldon Wood, Martha de Jarnette, Dawn Thompson, Michael Williams. Noes: 0. Abstentions: Pryor Hale.

A motion was made by Mr. Wassenaar, seconded by Ms. Hale, that the minutes of the July 20, 1993 meeting be approved, subject to the following correction: Page two, third paragraph down under the heading BAR 93-07-416 - 215 W. Water Street, that the word "slate" be changed to "slat". The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Kurt Wassenaar, Eldon Wood, Dawn Thompson, Pryor Hale. Noes: 0. Abstentions: Michael Williams, Martha de Jarnette

\*\* Following the approval of the minutes, the Board members looked at the Social Security Office. Mr. Michael Williams made the motion that the Board approve the issuance of a building permit for the changes. This was seconded by Eldon Wood and passed unanimously.

