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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1976, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BASEMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL

Members

Present: Mr. Dale C. Hamilton
Mr. K. Edward Lay
Mr. Pliny M. Cropp
Mrs. Lloyd Smith
Mr. Robert P. Makielski
Rev. Rufus Hayes
Mrs. Ruth Wadlington
Mr. Lucius Bracey

Also

Present: Mr. Carl F. Muse
Mr. Satyendra Huja
Mr. James H. Davis
Mr. Douglas Venable

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lay.

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1976, were read and approved.

A memo written by Mr. Lay regarding his pre-application meeting with Mr. Hamilton to review Case No. BAR-76-26 was read.

Mr. Carl F. Muse, Chief of the Inspection Division, and Mr. Satyendra Huja, Director of Planning were present and each one explained to the Board his interpretation of the powers and duties of the Board as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance recently adopted by City Council.

Case No. BAR-76-26 was presented to the Board - the request of the First Baptist Church to construct two driveways, construct concrete steps, and rebuild stone walls at the entrances to their property in the seven hundred block on Park Street.

Mr. Lay reminded the Board that only the first two hundred feet of the proposed project lies within the new architectural design control area.

Mr. Dale Hamilton spoke on behalf of the petitioners and presented drawings and explained in detail the proposed project. He advised the Board that 254 parking spaces will be provided.

A discussion followed regarding the intent of the powers and duties of the Board as outlined in the zoning ordinance and each member expressed his views as to the extent of the powers of the Board.

Mr. Bracey made a motion that the members of the Board express their own interpretation of the ordinance in a fashion that would permit the members to address themselves to the case before the Board.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith and passed unanimously. Mr. Hamilton abstained from voting.

The members examined the drawings presented by Mr. Hamilton and discussed with him the proposed changes to the Church's property and the impact these changes will make on the neighborhood.

Mr. Paul Fishbane, president of the North Downtown Neighborhood Association, was present. He pointed out to the Board the location of the trees on the Church's property. His presentation included the names and a short history of the various trees and shrubs.

The members agreed to postpone a decision on the project and scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 17, 1976, at three o'clock in order to further review the case.

The Board requested that Mr. Hamilton prepare a more detailed and accurate plat of the area under consideration.

The Board also recommended that the architect work with the neighborhood association and locate all trees on the plat. They also suggested that the petitioners consider relocation of the driveways; reconsider the materials to be used for surfacing the driveways; and consider an alternative walkway if the roadway is moved.

Mr. Makielski made a motion that the Board request the City Attorney to attend the next meeting and explain his opinion as to what the powers and duties of the Board are, specifically his interpretation of Article 16 of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Rev. Hayes and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1976, AT 3:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 219 IN CITY HALL.

Members

Present: Mr. Lucius Bracey
Mrs. Lloyd Smith
Mrs. Ruth Wadlington
Mr. Theo Van Groll
Mrs. Charlotte Ramsey
Mr. K. Edward Lay

Also

Present: Mr. Roger C. Wiley
Mr. Carl F. Muse
Mr. Douglas Venable

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lay.

Roger C. Wiley, City Attorney, was present and explained to the Board his interpretation of the intent of the Zoning Ordinance in regard to the powers and duties of the Board of Architectural Review and his opinion as to the extent of the responsibilities of the Board.

Case No. BAR-76-26, the request of the First Baptist Church was again considered by the Board.

Mr. Dale Hamilton presented a revised plat of the proposed alterations to the Church's property located on Park Street. He stated that he had met with the Planning Commission

and advised the Board that the proposed driveway entrances had been changed from 28' to 25'. He also explained that mortar and rock will be used in constructing the walls that will match as closely as possible the mortar and rock in the existing wall.

Photographs of the buildings and grounds of contiguous property were presented and Mr. Hamilton explained to the Board that he felt the proposed changes will be harmonious with the design control area.

A discussion and review of the data and drawings of the proposed alterations followed.

Members of the Building Committee of the First Baptist Church and Mr. Paul Fishbane, president of the North Downtown Neighborhood Association, were present and took part in the discussion.

The Board considered the harmony of scale; the harmony of materials, textures, and colors; the impact on the surrounding environment; and the historic and architectural significance the proposed changes would have on the area.

A motion was made by Mr. Bracey that a Certificate of appropriateness be issued and that specific conditions should be stated on the certificate. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wadlington and passed unanimously.

The conditions to be added to the certificate
are:

1. The Board expressed its desire that the Church Board consider a less formalistic and more natural walkway.
2. That the north driveway be moved to 16'0" from the trunk of the European Cut Leaf Beech.
3. That the driveway material be reconsidered in favor of the brown river pebble asphalt (CAE-2).

The next order of business was the election of officers in accordance with Section 137 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mrs. Smith made a motion that Mr. Makielski be appointed to serve as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wadlington made a motion that Mrs. Smith be appointed to serve as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Van Groll and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
