

THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW WAS HELD IN THE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1979 AT 7:30 P. M.

PRESENT: Mrs. Wadlington, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ramsey, and Mr. Farmer.

ABSENT: Mr. Lay, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Van Groll.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. James Davis.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Wadlington. Consideration of the minutes of previous meetings was deferred until the May meeting.

Case No. 79-80: Mr. Stephen Amato presented the actual sign board being proposed for use at 304 E. Jefferson Street. He requested permission to mount this sign directly on the building beside the front door, and to suspend another sign from a post in the front yard. Mr. Davis read the pertinent sections of the Zoning Ordinance to the Board. Mr. Farmer objected to two signs, as requested. Mrs. Ramsey agreed. Mrs. Smith moved for the approval of one sign in this case, either mounted on the building or suspended from a post in the yard. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote of the Board.

Mrs. Ramsey noted that the Board is once again trying to abide by a Sign Ordinance that is somewhat confusing and, in some cases, contradictory. She said that a clarification of the Sign Ordinance is badly needed.

Case: Conversion of old downtown Post Office to Library.

Mr. Jack Rinehart, A. I. A., explained the project and illustrated the proposed external changes with plans, elevations and photographs. The major changes are the addition of a ramp at the front entrance, glazing of the front entrance, loading dock alterations, the addition of fire stairs and an elevator. He explained that he was seeking conditional approval, subject to submission of final details.

The changes were considered separately. Most discussion centered around the ramp and the loading dock alterations. Mrs. Smith questioned the use of a diagonal walkway at the corner of 2nd Street and Market Street. Mr. Rinehart explained the reasons behind that decision. He also, said that the existing side entrance to the building near the corner of 2nd Street and Market Street is destined to become a book-drop. There was a brief general discussion on each of the changes. Mr. Farmer said that he had no problems with the design. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ramsey agreed. Mrs. Ramsey moved to grant conditional approval, subject to submission of final details as noted below.

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Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote of the Board.

Case: New Republican Office Sign.

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Case: Gallery Keyes Sign.

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Case No. 79-79: New sign for Mr. F. L. Buck.

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Mrs. Wadlington read a letter from Mayor L. A. Brunton, in answer to her letter of March 28, 1979. Mr. Farmer asked that the Mayor's letter be quoted verbatim in the minutes. Mrs. Smith complemented Mrs. Wadlington on her letter of March 28, 1979. Both letters are attached to the minutes, and shall become a part of the Official record of this meeting.

Case No. 77-42: Mrs. Smith requested approval of the trim color for her house at 620 Park Street. Mrs. Ramsey made the motion for approval and Mrs. Wadlington seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote of the Board.

There was no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

John B. Farmer, Jr.
Secretary

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April 4, 1979

Mrs. Ruth H. Wadlington
Chairman
Board of Architectural Review
1620 Keith Valley Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

Dear Mrs. Wadlington:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 1979 expressing the concerns of the Board of Architectural Review and requesting a meeting with City Council to discuss those concerns "in light of the recent Queen Charlotte decision". I sent copies of that letter to the other members of Council, and they discussed your request at our regular meeting on April 2nd.

I am sure you and the other members of the Board are aware that various persons and groups have publicly commented on possible legal challenges to the actions of Council in approving the Queen Charlotte project. The Council felt that further public discussion of that project would be inappropriate as long as the threat of such litigation persists, and the City Attorney also advised us that he felt such a discussion would be unwise at this time.

I do understand the desire of the Board to receive guidance from the Council in carrying out its assigned functions, and trust the Board will understand why such guidance must be deferred to a later time. When the threat of litigation no longer exists, I am certain the Council will be happy to consider scheduling a meeting or seeking some other mechanism for an exchange of views.

In the meantime, the Council hopes the Board will continue to consider matters brought before it with the

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

Mayor Laurence A. Brunton
City Hall
Charlottesville, Va. 22901

Ruth H. Wadlington
1620 Keith Valley Road
Charlottesville, Va. 22901

March 28, 1979

Dear Mr. Brunton:

The Board of Architectural Review has asked me to request a meeting with City Council to discuss the role of our board in light of the recent Queen Charlotte decision. There are a number of areas in which we feel clarification would be most helpful.

Among our concerns are: just what standards should the BAR apply in determining our decisions? Should economics or esthetics play the dominant role, and how should they be resolved when they are in conflict? Do you feel the BAR should use different criteria on which to base our decisions, and if so, do you have any suggestions as to what would constitute good, workable standards.

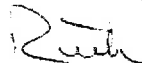
We are also concerned about enforcement, both of decisions made by the BAR, and in regard to property which is being allowed to deteriorate. We have not been aggressive in this area because we are uncertain about Council's support, which would be essential. Signs have been another matter of confusion for us.

The ordinance which created the Board of Architectural Review does not give very specific direction, and we feel that we need to know Council's views so that we are not working at cross-purposes. We are also bothered by the rather eccentric shape of the Architectural Design Control boundaries, and would like guidance on procedures for suggesting a reshaping of them.

We are aware that Council is very busy, especially at budget time, but we feel that it is important to clarify our role before taking further action.

I would be happy to help set up an agenda for a joint meeting if you feel it desirable. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 P.M. We would suggest that date if an earlier time is not possible.

Sincerely,



Ruth H. Wadlington, Chairman
Board of Architectural Review

cc: BAR

Board of Architectural Review
Basement Conference Room
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