



Minutes
Architectural Review Board
Supplementary Meeting
January 23, 2017
Council Chambers, City Hall
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Members Present

John Harris, Chair
Sabina Weitzman, Vice Chair
Susan Pates
Jon Van Zandt
Kerri S. Barile

Members Absent

K. McFarland

Staff

Kate Schwartz

Mr. Harris called the Architectural Review Board meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Harris determined that a quorum of five members was present and asked if public notice requirements had been met. Ms. Schwartz stated that they had.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Weitzman made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Van Zandt seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Harris determined that no members had engaged in any ex parte communication and that no members had a conflict of interest to report.

CONTINUED CASES

- i. COA 2016-75 – 525 Caroline Street & 506-516 Sophia Street – Van Perroy requests approval of the architectural details of three new structures. The new buildings include seven three-story townhomes in two structures and one four-story apartment building with seven units.

Mr. Perroy was present.

Ms. Schwartz summarized the updates to the presented drawings for the Board, including updates to the details of the porch entablature and information regarding gutters, downspouts, and mechanical equipment. Mr. Perroy added that the width of the chimneys had been increased to make them appear more substantial.

Ms. Schwartz clarified that details not included in the drawings and not yet included in the design, such as lighting, mechanical equipment, and other details would be required to receive an additional Certificate of Appropriateness at a later date. Ms. Weitzman asked what would trigger the additional

review. Ms. Schwartz said that once a site plan for the project was submitted, any details not included in the ARB approval would be required to receive an additional Certificate of Appropriateness. Building permits would not be issued without this approval.

Ms. Pates said she did not want to be forced to make decisions in a hurry. Mr. Perroy clarified that they were not at a point in the process where they could decide exactly where mechanical or other elements would go without working through a site plan approval.

Ms. Weitzman said she was still concerned that there were not clear reasons for some of the design choices being made, but she thinks the changes are an improvement over the last set of drawings. She recommended a minor change to the porch entablature. She said the header element should be pulled in from the edge of the column as is the standard in historic precedents. The Board agreed with this change.

Mr. Van Zandt made a motion to continue the application to the February 13, 2017 meeting. Ms. Weitzman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS


The Board discussed the appeal of the COA at 1207 Charles Street to be heard at the January 24, 2017 City Council meeting.

Mr. Harris said he planned to attend the meeting. Ms. Weitzman said she had composed an email with comments that she would forward to Mr. Harris.

Dr. Barile said that the best procedure was for a Board member to provide a statement to Council at the meeting. Mr. Harris and Ms. Weitzman agreed to compose a statement together.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Van Zandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Harris seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



John Harris, ARB Chair