

Architectural Review Board
April 1, 2004

Fred Schneider called the meeting to order in the town offices at 7 p.m.; other members present were Larry Barnett, Lillian Copeland, and Ruth Klippstein. Barry Clark, Kevin Quick, and Steve Meeks were also in attendance. We reviewed the agenda and noted that the March minutes are mis-dated 2003.

Summary of Actions: We do not approve Eve Barnett's request for replacing windows in the Bruce Drug Store building with Comfort World vinyl windows, citing our guidelines, based on the Secretary of the Interior's national guidelines. We approve Kevin Quick's request for replacing windows at 215-217 Main Street, with conditions. We table Cameron Crouse's request for parking lot lighting at Village Square, pending clarification of questions with him.

Old business: Karen DeVall requested confirmation of action on her February application for a sign at InsurPro. Fred reported that he met with her and they decided to model the metal pole and brackets on those of the Scoops sign; Fred gave her approval on behalf of ARB.

Fred reported on his research on Comfort World windows, the brand requested by Eve Barnett for replacement at the old Bruce's Drug Store building. He and Jeffrey Plank visited the Window World showroom in Waynesboro to see the windows, and neither of them think the windows adequately meet our guidelines, either for replacement or for new construction within the historic district, as they sandwich the muntin between panes, and have a flat profile, with no molding. Fred urged repair of existing window elements rather than replacement; cost was discussed. Larry stated he was not going to take on the expense of keeping the existing windows. Fred circulated catalogs from three window companies whose windows would meet the guidelines. A motion was made and seconded not to accept Comfort World vinyl windows as replacements as requested by Eve Barnett's application; Larry abstained, and three votes were cast in favor of the motion. Larry spoke with great feeling, as he reminded us he'd done before, about the problems of inconsistency within the ARB, planning commission, and Town Council actions; he said he hears many complaints from citizens. Fred commented that he thinks ARB is consistent, especially as we always refer back to our published guidelines, and Larry disagreed.

Kevin Quick described his renovations at 215-217 Main Street; he had hoped the Comfort World windows would be suitable for his project. We discussed his structure and its "contributing" function in the historic district. Fred described taking "the reality of the building" into consideration when making decisions. Further discussion led to a motion to approve replacement windows, which could be vinyl, provided the muntins are on the exterior sides of the glass, not sandwiched between panes; the motion passed unanimously. We also state a non-binding preference for the two-over-two style, found in most of his present windows, as being in best proportion to the building. Fred told Kevin to bring his choice of window to Barry for final approval; Barry may call in Fred for consultation if desired.

New Business: Cameron Crouse was not at the meeting to discuss his application for parking lot lighting at village Square, and with questions about dimming the lights at night, the durability of the vinyl decorative strip and paint on the light poles, we make and unanimously pass a

motion to table the application. We agree to meet with Cameron before the next scheduled ARB meeting to discuss his plans, if necessary.

Repair and Maintenance: Jeffrey will draft a letter for Barry to send to Chris Long about plans and a time table for repairs to the Bocce Café building, as described in the March minutes. Barry reported on his letter to Julian Calvert requesting painting of the railing on his Harrison Street deck. Barry told us to expect an application from Oliver Kuttner, and outlined renovations planned for the carriage house and Stinson house on Valley Street. The ARB will review any exceptional color scheme; Barry can approve colors chosen from the historical palette administratively,

Inventory Project: No report.

Other business: Lillian alerted us to a meeting with Jack Zehmer and Edna Johnson of the State Department of Historical Resources, May 1, 9:30 a.m., at the Scottsville Museum. The meeting is to involve the museum in supplying social history for our historical district publication.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, secretary