

Architectural Review Board
July 7, 2005

Fred Schneider, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the municipal conference room of Victory Hall; other members present were Lillian Copeland, Ruth Klippstein, and John Koski. Barry Clark attended, as did Steven Meeks and Carl and Leslie Powell. We adjusted the agenda and accepted the June minutes as submitted.

Summary of Actions: We recommend approval of Powells' application for renovation at 102 Confederate St. We recommend approval of Steven Meeks's application for restoration work at 724 Valley St.

New Business: Carl and Leslie Powell described their plans at 102 Confederate St., in addition to the "very nice" application Fred noted they had submitted. Fred reported that he and Jeffrey had met with Charles Dickey, the architect, who incorporated some of their suggestions. We discussed the addition, new siding, and windows, which Fred praised as consistent with the original divided lights windows "that give the town its true architectural character." The motion to approve the application was seconded and passed unanimously.

Steven Meeks showed photographs of his current restoration work. After discussion, we moved to recommend acceptance of the application for 724 Valley St., and passed the motion unanimously. Next we discussed 732 Valley St., one of Steven's properties for which he has been unable to obtain a building permit. Barry suggested our considering the zoning ordinance section 18.3.5.c as a way to work out a compromise. This allows the ARB to "recommend to the Town Council variances to this ordinance to achieve preservation objectives." We discussed the concept of set-back and its application to older buildings, and precedents for changing set-backs in town; we agreed to follow Fred's outline of a two-part approach: we will work with Steven on his plans for changing parking at 732 Valley St, and ways to make a guard or barrier in front of the house; and will write to Council requesting they consider a variance on set-back. We will expect plans from Steven in August and will send a letter to Council for its meeting that month.

Repair and Maintenance: Steven reported that he has been delegated by owner Barbara Lane to represent her in discussions about her 135 Warren St. home. Members of the ARB will go to the property for further exploration. In the matter of the Masonic building, no further response has been received, and Barry will contact Brian LaFontaine. The Mayor has asked ARB to write to Kyle Allen, Scottsville Bus Line, about the condition of his commercial building. This is listed as "poor" in our Inventory, the last such structure we have to address.

Architecture Exhibit: The ARB sponsored display of a series of panels entitled "How Architects Work," designed by the Charlottesville chapter of AIA, during Batteaux Festival in Scottsville, and again on July 4. On the latter date, we also showed a 4-panel display of Albemarle County country stores organized by the Albemarle Preservation

Committee. About 24 people visited the displays in June, 16 or more in July, with friendly conversations resulting.

Follow ups: Fred noted a new shed on Steve Warham's property at 230 Poplar Spring Rd. As this is a contributing property, Fred requested Barry look into the need for a permit and COA. Fred said a porch roof was added at 161 Warren St. This is a non-contributing property.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, secretary