

Architectural Review Board
October 6, 2005

Jeffrey Plank, chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers; also present were members Lillian Copeland, Ruth Klippstein, John Koski, and applicant Ron Lauziere. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

Summary of Actions: We tabled action on the application for façade renovation at 330 Valley Street, The Brick restaurant.

Old Business: Jeffrey noted that the ARB letter to Council in reference to Steven Meeks's 732 Valley St. property has not yet been delivered; Lillian will talk to Barry about expediting this.

New Business: Ron Lauziere explained the application for Stephan Hawranke's 330 Valley St. property's windows, doors, exterior stucco, and vent frames and faces. Jeffrey, expressing gratitude to an owner willing to "turn the building around," reviewed ARB's history with the necessary maintenance of this building and expressed the hopes that the cornice will soon be replaced. He also said that the ARB's charge is to guide historically accurate renovation. This 1900 commercial building would never have had multiple small pane windows of the type now proposed; old photographs show large sections of plate glass. Ron replied that the building is not now a retail establishment, and the design now being considered adds ambience to the interior of the restaurant, as well as coherence with the Streetscape; he feels it follows the ARB's Design Guidelines pamphlet.

Jeffrey proposed not taking a vote until a meeting could be arranged with the owner and Fred Schneider, our architect member, to look at all possibilities; this could be done very soon. Ron, voicing his disappointment, was willing to accept this plan.

Inventory Project: Jeffrey will choose the number of pages for our booklet, and he and Fran Smith will make a mock-up. The cost of the publication can then be determined. We discussed the possibility of a fund-raising event in November or early December at Chester, if the Strattons are willing to host it. We talked of involving various local people and groups, including the Museum. The Albemarle Historical Society will again be canvassed for help.

With no further business, we adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, secretary