

Architectural Review Board
January 5, 2006

Jeffrey Plank, chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building; also present were members Lillian Copeland, Ruth Klippstein, John Koski, and Fred Schneider; Barry Clark; and interested parties Jesse Grove and Bob and Dorothy O'Halloran. Minutes of two October 2005 meetings were approved as presented. There were no meetings in November or December.

Summary of Actions: We did not take action on any business before us.

New Business: Jesse Grove represented the application his son Jesse Grove III is making to add a garage and workshop at his 270 Jackson St. property in preparation for moving here in May. Fred and Barry had viewed the site earlier in the day. Fred pointed out that the design's 6 foot setback from the property line means the building can only be an accessory structure at any time; the water line will probably have to be moved to accommodate the structure. Jesse indicated various elements of the plan that were made to "fit the building into the existing terrain." The front and left views are of main importance to the ARB.

Jeffrey indicated our opportunity to make some recommendations about details to which the owner is not yet committed; Fred will meet with Jesse in the coming month to consider making the garage roof pitch symmetrical, deleting the cupola, using vertically-oriented windows in the front of the shop, and choosing garage doors and siding. Fred will follow the typical architecture of Scottsville as a guide, especially the neighbor's kitchen wing that faces the new project, and will probably suggest raising the height of the garage's front wall. Jesse noted that red wooden shutters will be hung on the house where shutter brackets exist.

We request more detailed plans, possibly photographs, and examples of materials to be used at our next meeting, when we can vote on the application. The neighbors, the O'Hallorans, were asked for their comments. Bob complimented the ARB on its care for Scottsville's architecture and said they are particularly interested in the materials to be used and the height of the structure. There will be additional drainage problems which he hopes can be ameliorated cooperatively. Jeffrey pointed out that while this is not an ARB concern directly, it may have implications we need to address, and we should know the issue is being taken into consideration. If the front wall is to be changed, those plans should come before ARB.

Maintenance and Repair: We have had no response from the owner of 135 Warren St., Barbara Lane, to our letter requesting a plan for repairs. At our next meeting we will have to be prepared to outline our next step. Barry will personally contact someone from the Masons to talk about a plan for repairs to their building to be made this year. We discussed 330 Valley St., the former Bocce building; Barry said he will, when possible, go directly to the owner to discuss repairs we have deemed necessary and about which he apparently was not told at the time of the sale. Jeffrey said a "knock-out building" is possible if they replace the cornice, copy the original double door for the south entrance, and do the other repairs to make it water-tight.

Inventory project: Our fund-raiser kick-off party can be in April at Chester, so we have time to work with the Scottsville Museum, Scottsville Council for the Arts, Raymon Thacker, as well as

possible donors, to show a consensus on our procedure. Jennifer Woodward has volunteered to do marketing for us. Lillian iterated the need for a budget; Barry said the town can establish a tax-free bank account for us.

After discussion of various outstanding applications, old business, and the Streetscape, we adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, Secretary