

Architectural Review Board
February 2, 2006

Jeffrey Plank, chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building; also present were members Lillian Copeland, Ruth Klippstein, and Fred Schneider; Barry Clark; and application representatives Jesse Grove and Jim Brown. Minutes of the January 2006 meeting were approved as offered and the agenda was adjusted.

Summary of Actions: We accept Jesse Grove's modified plans for the garage/workshop at 270 Jackson St., pending final review of garage door and outside lighting.

Old Business: Fred Schneider met with Jesse Grove, and the new plan now submitted shows the garage turned toward the street for better access from the rear; different windows and garage door, and a composite board siding, such as Hardiplank. No exterior lighting has yet been decided. Jeffrey reiterated our need for documents, such as catalogs, showing the actual door or lights to be installed. Fred suggested the Hardiplank be installed with adequate backing and the smooth side out. Jesse said the roof shingles will be chosen to match the house roof. Jeffrey asked Fred to annotate his drawings of the plan so we can check exactly what we have approved. The motion was unanimously carried to accept the plans, pending final review of the actual doors and exterior lighting.

Jim Brown recapitulated the Scottsville Museum board's mixed concerns about handicap access, first considered by us in August 2005. He emphasized that the board is requesting general guidance rather than approval of any specific plan at this time. Jim outlined three plans, showing that only one—the exterior lift—seems to be workable. The board questions the cost effectiveness of the work. We discussed a fourth possibility, a road going behind Barclay House and the Museum, to a new entry onto the stage of the Museum, the old pulpit; this would necessitate an exterior deck, as well. Fred has visited the site, and thinks this possibility might be best, though it will change the interior of the building. The deck would be a “reversible” change, and not so emphatic a look as the lift structure at the front of the building. Jim will communicate the sense of our discussion with the board—that we are more in favor of the road and deck than the elevator. Jeffrey assured him that we are available to confer between our regular meetings.

No new business.

Repair and Maintenance: Barry reported that Barbara Lane is trying to sell 135 Warren St., and he requests we wait one more month before contacting her to continue our plan for repairs. We discussed how possible ARB actions could be attached to properties being sold, so new owners would know of the problems; it is possible a \$1 lien or a covenant in the Multiple Listing Service could be utilized to keep the problems from being surprises to new owners.

Barry reported that Brian LaFontaine is hiring Mike Tocci to remove the vines from the rear of the Masonic building. Jeffrey and Fred told Barry they hope to talk to Brian before he secures a contract for further work, to explain our interest in improving the mortar and other problems.

We discussed the damaged CitGo sign; changes at the James River Country Store; and possibilities for adaptive reuse of the current Post Office building when it is relocated. Barry will talk again with the owners of the Brick/River Rock about the exterior repairs necessary there.

Inventory Project: Jeffrey plans to have a brainstorming session with all people interested in marketing and fundraising for our book before the next ARB meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, Secretary