

Architectural Review Board
Thursday, December 7, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Jeffrey Plank called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was met with Jeffrey, Fred Schneider, Nancy Gill, John Koski, and Clark Draper present.

The agenda was adopted with the exception of #3 a: B-06-03-Albemarle Properties LLC, 135 Warren Street (Exterior Renovation)

Fred made the motion to let the minutes stand as presented.

Nancy seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Farmers Market: Clark Draper reported that the site survey was complete he handed out a packet. The proposed structure will be a pole barn with a two-tier low-pitch beam roof measuring 40x68 feet. It will be built on a gravel pad, which will make adding plumbing easier. A letter has been sent to the Army Corp of Engineers and Clark will report back when to file with the Department of Historic Resources. He added that USDA funding would be available in February 2007.

Fred had concerns on the decision to use steel posts instead of glue-laminate. He thought it would be nice to carry the treatment from the ceiling to the columns. John stated that vendors backing into the poles would be a concern. Yet everyone thought the steel would show the same amount of damage. Nancy raised the question of the roof overhang. Vendors have recommended the overhang be great enough for them to park under. This feature would be beneficial during rainstorms. Jeffrey brought up the issue of moving the access road. Nancy reported that this had come up during a town council meeting and there had been discussion of moving the road closer to Rt. 20.

Laundry list for town council: Column material, roof overhang, color choice of roof and steel columns, issues concerning building orientation, and the road servicing the utilities.

New Business:

Jackson Street storage building (demolition) and 730 E. Main Street.

Jimmy Marshall requested tearing off the back portion of a storage shed on Jackson Street. The structure was built around 1938 and the back part has disintegrated over the years with some issues with erosion.

Fred stated that the shed is an example of the work-a-day history of Scottsville. He felt it important to save the original part of the shed for reference of a utilitarian building. Jeff stated that it is a rare building that doesn't have architectural beauty yet it is an important building to save.

Fred made the motion to grant the demolition of the back part of the shed only, with the provision that the architectural review board would look at the remaining structure when demolition was complete.

Nancy seconded. Voice vote unanimous.

Second part of application:

730 E. Main Street. The Marshalls inherited the building from Homer Thacker and they want to replace the windows and put on vinyl siding.

The architectural review board deferred a vote on this until the actual building materials are reviewed. Jeffrey and Fred are going to meet with Jimmy within the next week.

270 Jackson Street

Jess Grove represented his son, Barry.

They want to put a roof over a patio. The posts will have the same design of those used for the deck and they will use simulated slate for the roof. Jeffrey, Fred, and John met prior to the meeting to review the changes.

Fred made the motion to allow Barry Grove to add the roof over the patio.

John seconded. Voice vote was unanimous.

415 Harrison Street

Bob Boucheron, Architect represented the McDowells.

Their application was for an addition to the back of their house. The architectural elements of the original structure will be followed with the exception of using hardy plank for the siding.

Windows will be 2/2, double paned with simulated divided lights.

Fred discouraged decorative shutters, particularly for the double window on the addition's south elevation, even though they would be consistent with the original structure. He added that new construction should not be an exact replication because it is important over time to differentiate between old and new construction. Jeffrey reiterated that the windows would be simulated divided lights.

Nancy made the motion to approve the application with the requests of the board being noted.

John seconded. Voice vote was unanimous.

571 Valley Street (Lace Factory)

David Puckett, architect represented Harvey Goldstein.

This was not an application, but a meeting for preliminary input and to show the general idea of the project. The main changes in the building will be the removal of the freight elevator and the raising of the roofline on the back of the building.

It was established that the building was constructed ca. 1835.

Fred stated the historic significance of this building is tremendous and the retention of as much of the original structure such as the brick façade and slate roof be restored as closely as possible.

Jeffrey commented that the proposed stair tower should be kept below the roofline and that the ARB would like to see a more modern structure as opposed to a Greek revival reference. Fred continued by explaining that this commercial building gives the opportunity to solve problems and create a very pleasing tension between the old and new.

Repair and Maintenance Issues:

115 Moore's Hill:

Clark sent a letter to the property owner more than two months ago. It is now up to the town council to take action.

380 East Main Street (Doll House)

Steve Phipps wants the building looked at.

491 East Main Street

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280 W. Main Street (James River Country Store)

Maintenance issues and potholes. Clark will look into this.

Inventory Project:

Nancy stated that she would like to see a pamphlet with all the contributing structures in the historic district for property owners to have.