

Architectural Review Board  
Thursday, October 4, 2007

Fred Schneider, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Members present were Nancy Gill and Ruth Klippstein; Clark Draper was present, as were visitors Bebe Williams and Cynthia Bruce. We defer action on September minutes until next month; we agree to the agenda.

Summary of Action: There was no action taken.

Old Business: Clark reported on meeting with Kent Ware of the USDA about the farmers' market building; it is understood that an architect must be engaged, and Clark will meet with David Puckett of Charlottesville. This means, as Fred noted, that we are seeking an alternative to the conceptual drawing we originally saw; Clark thinks we can, with a new plan, make a more economical structure. The \$99,000 USDA grant will cover the work. Nancy reports an on-going discussion in Council about the "overall feasibility" of the project, due to recent decline in market trade. Steven Meeks's letter of concern was circulated to us.

Clark talked to John Keaton of Horseshoe Bend Tavern about the trim color. John reported that they rushed to get the work done by July 4, and used a color approved on another building. Clark has asked him to come to ARB for an amendment to his COA and thinks John does not understand the fine; Fred described the situation of our considering each building for itself. Clark will write to property owner Hawaranke.

A satellite dish has been installed at the Herndon house on Main Street without approval and appears to be in violation of the Historic Overlay ordinances. Clark is researching the issue to determine the best way to move forward, given problems with resources for enforcement, other non-approved dishes in town, and the wording of the ordinances. Fred found the FCC legislation covering such dishes, which protects property owners from unreasonable restrictions, but gives Historic Districts some level of control; he also outlined the dish ordinances of three towns around the country. This information was passed to Clark and one section of the FCC rulings was appended to the minutes. Nancy commented on a lack of communication and of basic information in town, and questioned how we could help all parties be better informed about the Historic Overlay regulations. Fred said he and Jeffrey could add satellite dishes to their annual curb-side survey of Scottsville structures.

New Business: Planning Commission member Barry Grove brings the NYC Civil Remedies for Historic Districts law to our consideration as an addition to the zoning ordinance.

Kevin Denby has purchased the Scottsville bus line station and asks to continue its special use permit.

Repair and Maintenance: Clark will write again to the owner of the James River Country Store, asking for a commitment to paint the building's trim. Clark has not had communication from the owner of 550 Valley Street, the Stinson house; repairs are continuing. Clark reported learning that some slate roofing tiles are loose at the Braid Factory, and will alert the owner.

Inventory: Nancy, Jeffrey, and Fred met with Fran Smith, who is enthusiastically working on a 2-fold brochure as well as updating the walking tour map with more sites. After further word from her, we will add narrative text.

Other: Bebe Williams commented that the decline of use of the farmers' market may be due to the day of the week it's held; many people, including vendors, think Saturday would be a more appropriate day. He mentioned that "green" technology would be excellent in the new structure, and volunteered to bring some information to Clark's attention. He hopes to see recycling containers on site, as well.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, secretary