

Architectural Review Board

September 6, 2012

Fred Schneider, vice-chair, called the meeting to order in Council chambers at 7 p.m. Also present were Ruth Klippstein, Steven Meeks, Bob O'Halloran; George Goodwin, and Guest Tammye Van Clief. After the quorum was declared and Fred Schneider clarified that Craig Stratton was no longer a member, Council declining to add another member to ARB, the minutes of the August meeting were accepted as presented.

Summary of Actions: we recommend for acceptance to COA of Tammye and Court Van Clief in reference to work at Old Hall, 354 Harrison.

New Business: Tammye Van Clief described the extent and type of fence she proposed for her property, to enclose the area for her dog. This 6 foot tall, almost solid, picket fence will be stained a dark Charleston green, and in many places be visually obscured by shrubbery; some of it will run along an existing retaining wall. After we understood the placement of the fence, we recommended that the pickets face outward, and that where the new fence meets the current fence on Harrison, that 4 foot high fence be continued around the corner and meet the new, taller fence where there is vegetation to mask it. A gate is proposed in the same solid style as the fence, on Page St., for landscaping access.

We moved and seconded and unanimously recommended this COA to Town Council with our annotations.

Tammy described other potential changes to the property, including demolition of the garage, removal of the asphalt drive, and building of a new storage shed. We considered prototypes and possibilities, and generally concurred with her ideas, recommending the photo documentation of all existing parts of the property as a record for herself and the town. Fred said that we would hope to see a complete a plan, including all elements to be changed, at one time.

560 Main St: work on an addition has commenced here, Patrick Tocci's house, without any permits or approval. Fluvanna County has issued a stop work order that will stand until Scottsville signs a COA.

Old Business: Dew Drop Inn: George reported meeting with the Albemarle building inspector, but no one representing the property came to the meeting and the two couldn't enter the building. Obvious numerous changes have been made without inspection or permits for the downstairs work. Separately, Fred and Jeffrey and Zing met; minutes of the meeting were distributed. George noted that double hung windows will have to be installed for legal occupancy, superseding the replacements put in place without a COA; Fred will research windows for recommendations. The next step in action with this building is up to Albemarle County.

Streetscape, old jail: George reported on various elements, especially brick walls, still in the Main St. plan. The town clock will be on a pedestal rather than a 4-corned stand. Steven Meeks questioned doubled-up sign poles in several downtown locations, looking cluttered; some of these, George reported, were federally-mandated. Steven will contact the Department of Historic Resources for help with ideas and possible remedies.

We will be getting a COA for the jail as it continues to become a Chamber of Commerce visitor center.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, secretary