

BERRYVILLE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Berryville-Clarke County Government Center
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Berryville Architectural Review Board was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at the Berryville – Clarke County Government Center located at 101 Chalmers Court in Berryville, Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board were present: Jim Barb, Susan Wolk, and Sue Cooper. Absent: Ken Livingston

The following staff member was present: Christy Dunkle

Others present: Val VanMeter, Winchester Star

Mr. Barb called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Wolk moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mrs. Cooper. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Wolk moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Cooper. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Architectural Review

Alisha Myers, Owner, is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to replace windows in her home located at 200 East Main Street, identified as Tax Map Parcel number 14A2-((A))-133, zoned R-2 Residential.

Ms. Dunkle said that the applicant is requesting approval to install new windows at her home on East Main Street. She said that Mr. Livingston had forwarded an e-mail responding to the reviews. Ms. Dunkle distributed the e-mail to Board members. Mrs. Wolk asked whether the windows could be stripped and painted. Mr. Barb said that the Board had previously approved the installation of vinyl windows on residential structures in the historic district. Mrs. Wolk suggested that if the applicant had already purchased the windows, then she felt it was okay to install them but it was not the best solution. Mrs. Cooper asked whether the structure was residential or commercial. Ms. Dunkle responded that it was a residential use.

There was a general discussion about Mr. Livingston's comments.

Mr. Barb called for any questions. There being no additional discussion, Mrs. Wolk moved to recommend that the windows be repaired, adding weather stripping and storm windows with LowE glass which would provide equal energy savings ratings as the vinyl replacement windows, will last longer and maintain the historic appearance of the structure, and result in a higher market value for the property, seconded by Mrs. Cooper. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OTHER

Sign Review

Ms. Dunkle said that she had e-mailed a photograph of a proposed "Open" banner to be used by the Barns of Rose Hill. There was a general discussion about the request. The Board directed staff to discuss the following items with the Barns representative:

- Where will the banner be installed?
- How will the banner be installed?
- There is an expectation by the ARB for the banner to be maintained and replaced when deemed necessary.
- Due to the probable location of the banner being on the Government Center property, the Board asked that the request be forwarded to the Joint Government Center Building Committee for final approval.

Meeting Date

Ms. Dunkle asked whether the ARB would be able to meet on September 12 rather than the original date due to her vacation schedule. They agreed September 12 would be fine.

300 North Buckmarsh Street

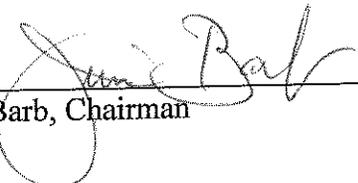
Ms. Dunkle said that she had received several calls from Michael Lins who has indicated that he is interested in purchasing the property located at 300 North Buckmarsh. She said he told staff that he would like to do one of three things to the property: renovate the structure; add an addition at the rear; or demolish the principal structure. She said that he had requested a conference call with the Board due to his work schedule.

The Board conducted a conference call with Mr. Lins. He indicated that he was looking at the property as a rental and reiterated the three options he is considering. Mr. Barb asked whether he planned on using the property as a residential or a commercial use. Mr. Lins said that he would use it as a residential property. Mr. Barb said that it would be difficult to get approval to demolish the structure under our current guidelines and that the ARB has historically not been in favor of granting such requests. Mr. Lins agreed saying that the historic district information he had received from Ms. Dunkle indicated such.

Mr. Lins added that long term, he would like to construct an addition to the renovated structure. He said he would begin with repairs to the roof and other internal items. Mr. Barb recommended staying in touch with staff, said that the ARB would be happy to assist him in the future and thanked him for wanting to invest in the Town of Berryville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mrs. Wolk, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



Jim Barb, Chairman



Christy Dunkle, Recording Secretary