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Board of Architectural Review – Parker-Gray Board
(3-year term – appointments to be effective July 1, 2012)
1 architect representative

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Philip A. Moffat
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Charles B. Christopher
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_____ Purvi Irwin

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Jamie Dowd
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Jackie Henderson

From: Bradley King <bradley@thekings.org>
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 5:01 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Parker Gray BAR appointments
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon Jun 25, 2012 17:01:28] Message ID: [40339]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 2022228768
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Subject: Parker Gray BAR appointments
The Braddock Station Civic Association, which covers perhaps half of the Parker Gray Historic District, would like to ask that the City Council to follow the following principles in choosing appointees for the three open Parker Gray BAR seats to be filled on Tuesday:
-Please only appoint people who live inside the historic district itself and who will therefore have to live under its rules themselves.
- Please only
Comments: appoint/reappoint people who support a significant reform/liberalization agenda when it comes to the Parker Gray BAR guidelines. The current rules which lump 1955 rowhouses in with 1700s buildings and which force residents to pay \$250 fees and wait six weeks to possibly get permission for minor alterations (or to remove rusty chain link fences) go far too far and actually serve to delay and prevent desirable improvements. We need people who are determined to reform these policies.

-Please do not appoint

"Historic Preservation Professionals" to the BAR. People whose careers are made more secure by historic preservation over-regulation should not be given the power to write those rules. Alexandria already has an overly large staff of people with this training to support and advise the BAR.

Thank you,
Bradley King
VP Braddock Station Civic

Association

PS: I myself am applying, but feel free to put me to the bottom of the list of people who meet these criteria. I'm happy to serve as a fall-back so long as the above qualifications can be met. -BK

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Jackie Henderson

From: Anthony Payne <acpdcx@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 10:39 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Recommendation for Parker-Gray Board of Architectual Review
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue Jun 26, 2012 10:39:14] **Message ID:** [40348]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Payne
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 5712717319
Email Address: acpdcx@yahoo.com
Subject: Recommendation for Parker-Gray Board of Architectual Review

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As a longtime resident of Alexandria, I am pleased to offer my recommendation for selection of Sean O'Rourke to the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review. In my opinion, Mr. O'Rourke is a perfect candidate to serve on the Board given his relevant experience, committment to Alexandria, and ability to relate well with others. As you may be aware, Mr. O'Rourke's background in engineering and fire protection

Comments: he will bring a unique perspective to the demands of the Board; in essence, he has the skill set to help maintain the need for historic preservation while also taking into consideration the practical realities of such an approach. In addition, Mr. O'Rourke exhibits those character traits that makes Alexandria such a desirable location to live. He is active in the community and shows a desire to make the neighborhood better for all, not just a select few. Finally, Mr. O'Rourke has the temperment and personality that makes him a perfect fit for the Board. Most importantly,

he considers all sides of an issue and does not hastily make a decision without listening to differing points of view. In short, Mr. O'Rourke is a great neighbor and would be an outstanding asset to the Board.

Sincerely,

Anthony Payne

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Jackie Henderson

From: James Thompson <jrchitect@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 9:03 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Letter of support for Purvi Irwin to Parker-Gray BAR

Jackie,

I would like to recommend Purvi Gandhi Irwin for a place on the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review. I have had the pleasure of working with Purvi for several years and have found her to be a capable, intelligent, and thoughtful design professional, with a lot of valuable experience in interpreting and applying preservation principles.

I am a resident of and property owner in the City of Alexandria and am interested in balancing intelligent growth, safeguarding property values, and protecting the character of the city's neighborhoods while allowing for individual preferences of property owners. Purvi shares these concerns, and she would make an excellent member of the BAR. I believe she would make informed, balanced decisions, and would be a terrific asset to the Board.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at through e-mail at jrchitect@yahoo.com or by phone at (703) 887-9774.

Regards,

James Thompson
Alexandria, VA

Sent from my iPad

Jackie Henderson

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6-26-12

From: Peter Spencer <peterlspencer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 10:09 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Support for K. Scott Brown

I am writing in support K. Scott Brown, who has applied for an appointment for the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review.

As a neighbor and former seven-year president of the Upper King Street Neighborhood Civic Association, I can attest to Scott's commitment to his community and neighborhood and to his deep interest in maintaining the special characteristics of the Parker Grey and Upper King Street neighborhoods. Scott has been engaged in a number of development issues over the past five years, seeking the best interest of the long-term vitality of our neighborhood. I rely on his fair judgment, his sense of place, and architectural sensibility, which he has put to good use recently as an active participant in community comment on the redevelopment of the Jefferson-Houston School.

Having participated in BAR proceedings in the past, as well as city council proceedings as a civic association president, I'm confident that Scott has the temperament, judgment, and architectural sensibility necessary for BAR membership.

Sincerely,

Peter Spencer
121 Harvard Street

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Jackie Henderson

From: Colleen Monahan <cpmonahan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:09 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Fwd: Scott's Application for Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review

> I fully support Scott Brown's application to the Parker-Gray Bar. I currently worked with Scott in our capacity as Jefferson-Houston Project Key Communicators. Scott has been very engaged, motivated, and diligent in his role as a J-H Key Communicator. I know Scott will also work hard to protect the historic character of Parker-Gray as a member of the BAR. I encourage City Council to appoint Scott to the Parker-Gray BAR.

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> Sincerely,
> Colleen Monahan
> 113 N. Peyton Street, Alexandria, VA

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Jackie Henderson

From: charles christopher <cbchristopher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 8:16 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Charles Christopher
Subject: Scott Brown application

Mr. Henderson,

I strongly recommend Kevin Scott Brown for the opening on the Parker-Gray Architectural Review Board. Mr. Brown is a longtime resident of Alexandria, having bought his house on Harvard Street in 2002. I know that he has a strong interest in architecture, urban planning, and historic preservation. He is well-travelled and has a strong work ethic. I believe he will be a real asset to the review board. I recommend him to you without reservation. Thank you.

Charles B. Christopher
521 Hilltop Terrace
Alexandria, VA 22301

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6-26-12

Jackie Henderson

From: Elisse Lassiter <elassiter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 6:16 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Purvi Irwin

Dear Ms. Henderson,

I am writing in support of Purvi Irwin's application for the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review.

Purvi has spent much of her career in historic preservation which has given her a depth of knowledge into the methods, materials, and products available when restoring a home. Her fieldwork has given her access to resources that help homeowners preserve historic integrity in an affordable manner, while also maintaining property value.

Purvi understands the costs and resources involved with historic preservation and restoration, and would be an asset to the board when it comes to promoting awareness and advocating for the value of preserving our neighborhood treasures. As a neighbor in this community, I believe that Purvi's knowledge, experience, and love for architectural preservation would make her an invaluable addition to the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review.

Sincerely,

Elisse Lassiter
1015 Vernon Street
Alexandria, VA

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William Cromley

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The Honorable William D. Euille
Kerry J. Donley
Frank H. Fannon IV
Alicia Hughes
Rob Krupica
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Paul C. Smedberg

Mayor Euille and Members of Council,

I am writing to support three candidates applying for positions on the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review. As a former chairman of that board, I am familiar with the balance of knowledge and temperament necessary to be an effective board member.

Current Board Chairman Bill Conkey has re-applied to serve as one of the two required architects on the Board. He has served the current Board with an expert and even hand and the community would be well served by his re-appointment.

Slade Elkins is a skilled architect in the Alexandria office of Baker. He is sensitive not only to the guiding principles of historic preservation, a requirement of any member of the Board, but also to the particular mechanics of historic structures.

Brendan Owens is a Vice President of the US Green Building Council. He would bring an important perspective to the Board as it deals with the necessary challenge of integrating green design into our historic districts.

Bill, Slade and Brendan live within the community that they would serve. All are well qualified and merit your consideration for appointment to the Parker-Gray Board.

Sincerely,

William Cromley

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Jackie Henderson

From: Jamie Dowd <jamiedowd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 3:18 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Sean O'Rourke's Candidacy--Parker-Gray BAR
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon Jun 25, 2012 15:17:54] **Message ID:** [40333]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Dowd
Street Address: 326 N Payne Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 2024310359
Email Address: jamiedowd@hotmail.com
Subject: Sean O'Rourke's Candidacy--Parker-Gray BAR
I would like to urge you to vote for Sean O'Rourke to fill one of the open slots on the Parker-Gray BAR. Sean has taken an active interest in community matters since moving into the neighborhood and becoming a homeowner almost 3 years ago. Sean would bring a fresh perspective to the
Comments: board and would represent the interests of the new demographic of Alexandria residents. Sean's engineering background and passion for civic involvement make him the perfect candidate for the BAR. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thanks,
Jamie Dowd

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6-26-12

Jackie Henderson

From: Beth Barrett <bbarrett@quinnevans.com>
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 10:46 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Purvi Gandhi Irwin: Support of Application to Parker-Gray BAR

Jackie Henderson,

As a colleague and neighbor of Purvi Gandhi Irwin, I can attest to her experience and dedication to the our preservation of the built environment. In her work, she has gained an understanding of how and why a building can contribute to a community's character and history. On projects such as DC's Eastern Market and the National Academy of Sciences she has managed the sometimes conflicting agendas of the client and the historic preservation needs of the building. As a resident of Alexandria, I know that she is also dedicated to the betterment of her own community. The role of BAR member would allow her to serve a community in an extended capacity. Having see firsthand her dedication to not only the building's but also the community's needs, I feel confident that she would execute her role on the Parker-Gray BAR with balance and understanding.

Best Regards,

Beth Barrett, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Associate
d 202 591 2545



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Jackie Henderson

From: Amy Conrad <amyconrad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 4:00 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Parker-Gray BAR appointments
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri Jun 22, 2012 15:59:33] Message ID: [40284]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Amy
Last Name: Conrad
Street Address: 1610 Boyle Street
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-535-3359
Email Address: amyconrad@yahoo.com
Subject: Parker-Gray BAR appointments

Dear Council Members:

I am writing in support of two candidates for the

Parker-Gray BAR; these candidates are Kathleen Baker and Bradley King.

Both have a great understanding of the issues related to Parker-Gray

historic preservation

Comments: and the concerns of the residents who live in the

neighborhood. Furthermore, they have shown willingness to dedicate time

and effort to the BAR. Significantly, they both live in the Parker-Gray

district. Thank you for considering them.

Amy Conrad

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Jackie Henderson

From: Bill Conkey <bconkey00@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 4:43 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Parker Gray BAR Candidates

Jackie,

Please pass the following email along to the Mayor and City Council in anticipation of their review of the candidates for the Parker Gray BAR.

Bill Conkey

Mayor Euille and Members of Council,

As the Architect member and current Chairman of the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review I would like to share my thoughts regarding your upcoming consideration of potential candidates for board membership. As you are aware we are currently involved in a review of the existing BAR guidelines and policies under the auspices of the Parker Gray Ad Hoc Design Guidelines Work Group, for which I am the Chairman. Because of this ongoing process and several large scale developments that will be working their way through the approval process, this is a particularly important time for the BAR. At this time, there are two vacant seats on the board that are up for appointment and my seat as one of the two Architect members is up for reappointment. During this important time for the board I would urge you to carefully consider how the selection of these three positions will influence the overall make-up of the BAR for years to come.

As for my position on the BAR, my experience as an Architect and longtime resident of the district gives me the knowledge of the historic preservation issues and the pragmatic viewpoint of someone who deals with the day-to-day realities of owning a home in the historic district. I am currently serving as chairman of the BAR and the Design Guidelines Work Group. While I do see the value of having new membership on these boards, it is important to have continuity of leadership and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve in this capacity.

For one of the two open seats on the BAR I am supporting the candidacy of Brendan Owens. Brendan is a Vice President of the US Green Building Council and has renovated two homes within the historic district successfully using state of the art green building materials in a historic context. As the use of green building materials becomes more and more prevalent, it is critical to have someone on the board with a deep knowledge of green building technologies and first hand experience with their implementation. While testifying before the Parker Gray Ad Hoc Design Guidelines Work Group, he has demonstrated a commitment to the ongoing well being of the historic district.

For the remaining seat on the BAR I am supporting the candidacy of Purvi Irwin. Purvi is a preservation architect with Quinn Evans Architects and a resident of the city. As a professional Preservation Architect, she will bring technical knowledge and sophistication to the review of projects throughout the historic district. She has applied for this position before and her repeated applications speak to her enthusiasm.

As I previously mentioned, this is a very important time for the BAR and I would ask you to carefully consider your appointment to this board. Thank you for considering my comments. Should you have any questions or

would like to discuss some aspect of the BAR please feel free to contact me via email or my phone number listed below.

Bill Conkey, AIA
bconkey00@gmail.com
703-628-1240

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Jackie Henderson

From: Alisa <alisa326@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 8:56 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Purvi Irwin for the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review

Dear Ms. Henderson,

I am writing to support Purvi Irwin for the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review. She has almost a decade of experience in historic preservation to bring to the team, including field experience. She is aware of practical considerations such as the expense of preservation. She is also a great person.

Thank you.

Alisa Beyninson

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Jackie Henderson

From: Kathleen Baker <kmbdoremi@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 2:48 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Parker-Gray BAR Application
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri Jun 22, 2012 14:48:17] **Message ID:** [40282]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Kathleen
Last Name: Baker
Street Address: 1605 Boyle Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703/683-0258
Email Address: kmbdoremi@aol.com
Subject: Parker-Gray BAR Application

Dear Mayor Euille and Distinguished Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to serve on the Board of Architectural Review for Parker-Gray district. I understand that you will make the Board appointments on Tuesday, June 26 and will very much appreciate your favorable consideration of my application.

The Parker-Gray BAR has an important job even beyond study and review of architectural applications:
Comments: communication and education. Our community has a rich history reflected not only in the built environment but also in the cultural memory and in family heritage. New residents taking custody of a home will want to learn of the diversity of our area, its complexity, and its value over time--past, present and future. I'd like to reach out in the neighborhood as well as to sit in review.

Participation in the Jefferson-Houston School community meetings, in Braddock Station Civic Association, and monitoring the Parker-Gray Ad-hoc Design Guidelines Work Group

agenda has

helped me prepare to communicate with and represent neighbors. Serving as

President of the HOA for our vacation home in coastal Delaware has given me

hands-on experience with neighborhood organization, safety, and of course,

architectural review.

Home ownership in Parker-Gray these 23 years has

given me a delight in diversity, a sense of humor, and constantly renewing appreciation for our City and my neighbors.

If you would please, I would

be most honored to serve.

Thank you so much.

--Kathleen

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Jackie Henderson

From: Philip A. Moffat <pmoffat@verdantlaw.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: pmoffat@verdantlaw.com
Subject: Support for Parker-Gray BAR Candidates

Importance: High

Jackie -

Please include this email in the packet of materials that Council receives in preparation for its upcoming vote on candidates for the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review (Parker-Gray BAR).

Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

As a resident of the District, and a member of the Parker-Gray BAR, I feel that it's important for Council to select community members that bring a balanced perspective, the requisite knowledge and skills for today's challenges, as well as a demonstrated interest in historic preservation. To that end, I support the following four candidates because I believe that they would well serve the community's long-term interests.

For the first two Parker-Gray BAR positions, I wholeheartedly endorse Bill Conkey and Brendan Owens.

- Bill Conkey is the current Chair of the Parker-Gray BAR and an Old Town resident. His demonstrated leadership warrants Council's continued support. Under Bill's leadership, the Board has undertaken a successful effort to revise the BAR's Design Guidelines and approval process (including the fee structure). That effort will enable residents and business owners to improve their homes and places of business without incurring unnecessary costs or time delays, all while continuing to protect the character of our community and its valuable historic resources.
- Council should also select Brendan Owens, a Vice President of the US Green Building Council and Old Town resident. As a sustainable design expert, Brendan would bring beneficial expertise to the Board as it faces the challenge of melding the principles of sustainable design with those of historic preservation.

With regard to the third Parker-Gray BAR position, I support either of the following two candidates: Slade Elkins or Purvi Irwin.

- Council should seriously consider Slade Elkins, a local architect and an Old Town resident. Based on my knowledge of his professional reputation, I know that Slade understands the

basic tenets of historic preservation, and he possesses the professional expertise that is often invaluable when the BAR is evaluating proposed projects.

- Council should also seriously consider Purvi Irwin, an Old Town resident and historic preservation architect working in the Metro D.C. area. Purvi's remarks at a recent Parker-Gray Design Guidelines work group meeting reflected her commitment to historic preservation and her awareness of the right of residents and business owners to improve their properties so that they may enjoy modern amenities and sustainable technologies.

Lastly, I would caution Council that at least one of the other candidates appears openly hostile to historic preservation. Bradley King stated on the record at one of the recent Design Guidelines work group meetings that he would dissolve the historic district if he could. He's since tried to backtrack from this statement; however, even after attempting to backtrack, many of his statements reflect a hostility to the district that I have rarely found in members of this community. How he could in good faith be a member of a board with a mission that he seems to oppose is beyond me. I recognize that this is a serious assertion, so please understand that I don't offer it maliciously, but instead with the long-term interest of the community in mind.

Thank you for considering my comments. If you have any questions or want to discuss my comments, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the coordinates included in my signature block below.

Best regards,

Philip A. Moffat, Esq.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jackie Henderson [mailto:Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 1:41 PM
To: pmoffat@verdantlaw.com
Subject: RE: Support for Parker-Gray BAR Candidates

I just noticed in your letter that you are supporting both applicants for the architect position - Bill Conkey and Slade Elkins. Did you intend to do that?

From: Philip A. Moffat [mailto:pmoffat@verdantlaw.com]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: pmoffat@verdantlaw.com
Subject: Support for Parker-Gray BAR Candidates
Importance: High

Jackie -

Please include this email in the packet of materials that Council receives in preparation for its upcoming vote on candidates for the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review (Parker-Gray BAR).

Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

As a resident of the District, and a member of the Parker-Gray BAR, I feel that it's important for Council to select community members that bring a balanced perspective, the requisite knowledge and skills for today's challenges, as well as a demonstrated interest in historic preservation. To that end, I support the following four candidates because I believe that they would well serve the community's long-term interests.

For the first two Parker-Gray BAR positions, I wholeheartedly endorse Bill Conkey and Brendan Owens.

* Bill Conkey is the current Chair of the Parker-Gray BAR and an Old Town resident. His demonstrated leadership warrants Council's continued support. Under Bill's leadership, the Board has undertaken a successful effort to revise the BAR's Design Guidelines and approval process (including the fee structure). That effort will enable residents and business owners to improve their homes and places of business without incurring unnecessary costs or time delays, all while continuing to protect the character of our community and its valuable historic resources.

* Council should also select Brendan Owens, a Vice President of the US Green Building Council and Old Town resident. As a sustainable design expert, Brendan would bring beneficial expertise to the Board as it faces the challenge of melding the principles of sustainable design with those of historic preservation.

With regard to the third Parker-Gray BAR position, I support either of the following two candidates: Slade Elkins or Purvi Irwin.

* Council should seriously consider Slade Elkins, a local architect and an Old Town resident. Based on my knowledge of his professional reputation, I know that Slade understands the basic tenets of historic preservation, and he possesses the professional expertise that is often invaluable when the BAR is evaluating proposed projects.

* Council should also seriously consider Purvi Irwin, an Old Town resident and historic preservation architect working in the Metro D.C. area. Purvi's remarks at a recent Parker-Gray Design Guidelines work group meeting reflected her commitment to historic preservation and her awareness of the right of residents and business owners to improve their properties so that they may enjoy modern amenities and sustainable technologies.

Lastly, I would caution Council that at least one of the other candidates appears openly hostile to historic preservation. Bradley King stated on the record at one of the recent Design Guidelines work group meetings that he would dissolve the historic district if he could. He's since tried to backtrack from this statement; however, even after attempting to backtrack, many of his statements reflect a hostility to the district that I have rarely found in members of this community. How he could in good faith be a member of a board with a mission that he seems to oppose is beyond me. I recognize that this is a serious assertion, so please understand that I don't offer it maliciously, but instead with the long-term interest of the community in mind.

Thank you for considering my comments. If you have any questions or want to discuss my comments, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the coordinates included in my signature block below.

Best regards,
Philip A. Moffat, Esq.

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Jackie Henderson

From: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice CTR OSD ATL <Beatrice.Porter-Gruel.ctr@osd.mil>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 9:07 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: 'Meltonjim@aol.com'
Subject: FW: Scott's Application for Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review

Ms. Henderson, I just received notice that Kevin Scott Brown has applied for a citizen membership of the Board of Architectural Review. I would like to say that I oppose this as Mr. Brown's opinions and actions are not fully in support of our City. I feel this would be a bad choice to allow him this membership.

Bea Porter
1727 Cameron Street

-----Original Message-----

From: K. Scott Brown [<mailto:kevinscottbrown@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 8:08 PM
To: meltonjim@aol.com
Subject: Fw: Scott's Application for Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review

Jim,

I could not find Bea's or your email when I sent below email. Can you please forward to Bea. I would really appreciate Bea's and your support.

Thanks, Scott.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: K. Scott Brown <kevinscottbrown@yahoo.com>
To: Helen Morris <zozilla1@gmail.com>; 'Trey Hanbury' <trey.hanbury@gmail.com>; Karen Hill <KHill@nachri.org>; Jocelyn Y. Dyer <jdyer@statecapitalgroup.org>; "Melda Dyer <dyerfmfg@aol.com>" <dyerfmfg@aol.com>; Michael Flanagan <mfxflanagan@gmail.com>; "stellah9@yahoo.com" <stellah9@yahoo.com>; Susan Butler <sbutler@capitolresourcesllc.com>; Brendan Melley <bgmelley@hotmail.com>; Eric Johnson <eric@el-studio.com>; Michael Butler <mbutler@paradigmcos.com>; charleschristopher <cbchristopher@yahoo.com>; Eric Wazorko <ewazorko@primaticsfinancial.com>; Kaitlyn Mittan <kaitlynmittan@gmail.com>; Peter Spencer <peterlspencer@gmail.com>; Peter Spencer -- AOL <paspencer@aol.com>; Peter Pennington <kernow01@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 8:02 PM
Subject: Scott's Application for Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I applied for a Citizen Member position on the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review (BAR). City Council will make appointments to the BAR at its June 26th Council meeting.

I would appreciate if you could drop a line in support of my application to the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov <<mailto:Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov>>

Please feel free to contact me if you would like me to answer any questions regarding my involvement/interest in community issues such as the Alexandria Waterfront Plan, Proposed 7-Eleven, Alexandria Aquatics Master Study, or the new Jefferson-Houston school project.

Thank you for your support.

K. Scott Brown
111 Harvard Street
H 703-567-9928

The Parker-Gray BAR oversees the protection the Parker-Gray Historic District. The Board must approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for all new construction and exterior alterations for structures designated which are visible from a public way. In addition, the Board must approve a Permit to Demolish for proposed demolition of more than 25 square feet of material on a structure, regardless of the visibility from a public way.

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From: Jackie Henderson <Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov>
To: "kevinscottbrown@yahoo.com" <kevinscottbrown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:59 AM
Subject: application to BAR

Good morning—
I have received your application to the Board of Architectural Review – Parker Gray.
City Council will consider this appointment at its June 26 Council meeting, and I will notify you by mail after that of Council's decision.
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council
703 746-3975