Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
7:30 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Members Present: Tom Hulfish, Chairman
Chip Carlin
Oscar Fitzgerald
Wayne Neale
Peter Smeallie
John von Senden

Member Absent: Arthur Keleher

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning
Michele Oaks, Historic Preservation Planner
Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hulfish.

I. MINUTES
Consideration of the minutes of the public hearing of February 2, 2011.
BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted, 6-0

On a motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Smeallie, the minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR
Items on the Consent Calendar are those where the applicant has agreed to all conditions of approval shown in the staff reports. Without objection, the staff recommendation for these cases will be approved as a group by unanimous consent of the Board at the beginning of the meeting. When announced by the Chairman, any member of the Board or of the public may ask that one of these cases be removed for full discussion.

1. CASE BAR2011-0022
Request for alterations at 612 South Lee Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Dan and Sarah Lipson
BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted, 6-0

On a motion by Mr. von Senden, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, this item was unanimously approved on the Consent Calendar.
III. OTHER BUSINESS
1. Presentation of additional Modern and Sustainable Materials Policies for the BAR

The Board generally supported the Staff recommendations but had comments about the following items:
   1. More clarification was needed regarding the use of glass stops on synthetic doors and where art glass was appropriate. Define art glass.
   2. Define when lever hardware is appropriate on the exterior of storm doors.
   3. Allow copper downspouts to patina naturally or be painted, at the owner’s option.
   4. Define the height of fences for administrative approval and clarify where “secondary wood fences” are located.
   5. Allow gas light fixtures to be converted to electrical operation administratively.
   6. Clarify that shutters must be operable “and cover the window opening.”
   7. Delete new stoops and guardrails from administrative approval but allow new handrails.

The Board asked Staff to bring the revised policy back for final approval, after incorporating the comments above and comments from the Parker Gray Board.

2. Staff noted that Alexandria had been named one of America’s 12 Most Distinct Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hulfish adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:46 pm.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

CASE BAR2011-0030
Request for approval of roof and skylight replacement at 216 North Fairfax Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Charles Figgins

CASE BAR2011-0033
Request for approval of window and door replacement at 1316 Prince Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Robert Smith by Old Town Windows and Doors

CASE BAR2011-0034
Request for approval of signage at 413 North Washington Street, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: The Carlberg Law Firm
Minutes submitted by,

Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager
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