

*****APPROVED MINUTES*****

Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

7:30pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning
Michele Oaks, Historic Preservation Planner
Meredith Kizer, Historic Preservation Planner

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

1. Consideration of the minutes of the public hearing of May 19, 2010.

BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted 6-0

On a motion by Mr. von Senden, seconded by Mr. Smeallie the minutes were approved, as submitted, 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. [CASE BAR2010-0102](#)

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at **632 S Pitt St**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Duane Robert Deason, TR

BOARD ACTION: **Approved as submitted by roll call vote 6-0.**

The Board combined Item #2 with Item #3 for discussion.

3. [CASE BAR2010-0103](#)

Request for approval of addition/alterations at **632 S Pitt St**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Duane Robert Deason, TR

BOARD ACTION: **Approved as submitted by roll call vote 6-0.**

SPEAKERS

The applicant and the architect, James Noel testified they supported the staff report and its recommended conditions and offered to respond to questions.

BOARD DISCUSSION

On a motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, the application was approved by a unanimous roll call vote, 6-0.

REASON

The Board agreed with the analysis in the staff report.

END DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with an informational powerpoint on the status of the Waterfront Plan.

General Comments

- One member is deeply concerned with how the plan is going to be funded. He did not want to see it the project implemented “piecemeal”.
- The Board strongly encouraged the city to work closely with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard, Washington DC and the National Park Service to negotiate the changes proposed along the coastlines.
- The majority of the Board members liked the idea of extending King Street to the waterfront.
- One Board member recommended a pedestrian/bike path separation along the waterfront.
- All the Board members supported an overall enhancement of the open space along the waterfront.
- One Board member was deeply concerned with the proposed commercialization of the waterfront. He envisions that this design should be more passive and take its vision from the historic waterfront images.
- The Board would like to see as many of the warehouses adaptively reused as possible. However, one member cautioned that not all of the warehouses were in good condition and a more forensic survey of the existing buildings should be made to determine whether or not they are truly worth saving.
- The Board unanimously supported retaining the Boat Club institution in its current location.
- Overall, the majority of the BAR members commended the Waterfront program and how it has evolved. They thought it overall is a “well thought out plan.” However, the Chair lamented that the current plan does not adequately interpret Alexandria’s real waterfront heritage.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Chairman Hulfish.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS:

The following items have been administratively approved by BAR Staff:

CASE BAR2010-00105

Request for signage at 1320 Prince St, zoned CL Commercial.

APPLICANT: Metro Auction

CASE BAR2010-00125

Request for fence replacement at 313 S. Pitt St, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: RC Fields

CASE BAR2010-00126

Request for signage at 705 King St, zoned KR Retail.

APPLICANT: Anna Fitzgerald

CASE BAR2010-00128

Request for exterior repair of roof, gutter and fascia board at 311 Franklin St, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Doug Gardner