

*******DRAFT MINUTES*******

Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

Wednesday, December 15, 2010
7:30pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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

Members 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 7:37 p.m. by Chairman Hulfish.

I. MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the public hearing of December 1, 2010.

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.

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Mr. von Senden, seconded by Mr. Smeallie, the Consent Calendar consisting of item #1 was unanimously approved, as submitted.

1. CASE BAR2010-0345

Request for the enclosure of attached covered, open porch at **819 Prince St**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Carol Corillon

BOARD ACTION: **Approved, as submitted, on the Consent Calendar, 6-0**

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. CASE BAR2010-0326

Request for demolition of storefront at **719 King St**, zoned KR King Street Retail.

APPLICANT: 719 King St LLC

BOARD ACTION: **Deferred, 6-0**

The Board coupled Docket items #2 and #3 during their discussions.

3. CASE BAR2010-0329

Request for new storefront and awning and rear door alterations at **719 King St**, zoned KR King Street Retail.

APPLICANT: 719 King St LLC

BOARD ACTION: **Deferred, 6-0**

SPEAKERS

Mr. Moukalled, applicant, spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Neale supports the single awning design, lights and exposed brick, yet is concerned with the proposed modern aluminum storefront. He recommends a more traditional wood storefront design for this building.

Mr. Smeallie recommended that the applicant study the proposed typefaces to provide consistency between the wall sign and the signs on the awning. He encouraged a revision to the awning which does not display the signage on its slope but had a larger valance.

Mr. von Senden and Mr. Carlin support with Mr. Neale's recommendations.

On a motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Smeallie, the Board deferred the case for restudy.

REASON

The Board felt the aluminum storefront system was incompatible with the existing historic building and believed the new storefront should be a more traditional design with wood detailing.

4. CASE BAR2010-0325

Request for signage at **1 Cameron St**, zoned CD Commercial.

APPLICANT: CHLN, Inc. (Chart House Restaurant)

BOARD ACTION: Approved as amended, 6-0

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. Gooseneck lighting will be utilized to light all large signage
2. All large signs will be framed with wood trim.

SPEAKERS

Mr. Martel, representing the Chart House, spoke in support of the proposal, as submitted stating that the restaurant chain is currently undergoing a “re-branding.”

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Smeallie noted that the revised designs are an improvement from the original application submittal presented to staff. Yet, he encouraged the applicant to re-study the lighting for the sign. He objected to the halo style lighting and recommended more traditional “gooseneck” lights, which are a common historic fixture within the district.

Mr. Neale concurred with Mr. Smeallie and preferred the more traditional style lighting. He also recommended that the applicant consider surrounding the sign with a wood “picture frame” to have it complement the existing architecture.

Mr. von Senden, Mr. Carlin and Mr. Fitzgerald agreed with Mr. Neale’s recommendation.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved approval of the application, with the conditions that the large signs be surrounded with a molded frame and lit from above with gooseneck lighting.

Mr. Smeallie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REASON

The Board generally agreed with the staff report but further believed that the halo style lighting and contemporary box sign were incompatible with the architectural character of the Chart House Restaurant building and the historic waterfront.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Update on Immanuel Chapel
2. Update on December 14, 2010 Modern and Sustainable Materials Ad Hoc Work Group meeting

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hulfish adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:17 pm.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

CASE BAR2010-0348

Request for cellular antennae on existing mounts at **501 Slaters Lane**, zoned RC Commercial.

APPLICANT: AT&T Mobility

CASE BAR2010-0349

Request for signage at **325 S. Washington Street**, zoned CD Commercial.

APPLICANT: Inova Health System

CASE BAR2010-0350

Request for window replacement at **223 S West Street**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Matthew Dwyer

CASE BAR2010-0352

Request for roof replacement at **1116 King Street**, zoned KR Commercial.

APPLICANT: Nancy Herrman

CASE BAR2010-0353

Request for door replacement at **712 Wolfe Street**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Tobin Tracey

CASE BAR2010-0369

Request for light fixture replacement at **402 N Saint Asaph Street**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Don Lawrence

CASE BAR2010-0370

Request for window and door shutter replacement at **426 1/2 N Saint Asaph Street**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Alan Windsor

CASE BAR2010-0371

Request for window shutter replacement at **426 N Saint Asaph Street**, zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Gail Hoffman

Minutes submitted by,

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