# BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 2015

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Mr. Graham called the meeting to order about 7:30 P.M.

# ATTENDANCE

Present: Charlie Graham, Brad Thorp, Edward Ross, Chris Von Handorf, Richard Hoback and Frank Holloway. Also present: City Planner Andrew Rodney and Assistant Clerk of Council Julie Weaver. Councilmember John Palcher arrived about 7:45 p.m.

Absent: Mr. Jamie Garrett.

MOTION: Mr. Holloway made a motion to excuse Mr. Garrett. Dr. Hoback seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes were requested for the minutes of the BAR meeting of March 10, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Architectural Review meeting of March 10, 2015, as distributed. Mr. Von Handorf seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Thorp abstaining because he was not present.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Application P-2015-0025: Temporary Sign for Nelly's Chicken at 79 S. Main Street
Applicant: Rafael Santillan

Mr. Rodney gave the staff report for the request by Mr. Santillan for a temporary ground sign advertising the coming of Nelly's Chicken to this new location at 79 S. Main Street. The temporary sign would be placed in the existing frame until the permanent sign is installed. The applicant asked to display the temporary sign as soon as possible. Mr. Rodney recommended approval without conditions.

MOTION: Mr. Thorp made a motion to approve the temporary ground sign, as requested. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

# Annual BAR Award

Mr. Rodney asked for discussion of the annual award and whether to go forward with a presentation this year. No major upgrades or construction had occurred in the APD.

Mr. Holloway stated he was in favor of looking at the historical buildings that had been very well cared for over the years. Mr. Thorp added that the BAR had held off from recognizing the Historical Society for several years, because the original intent was to create an incentive for

public improvements. He agreed that the Walton House, the Aaron Nutt Cottage and the Asahel Wright house were maintained in an excellent manner. For the future, he suggested more advertising for the award in the Town Crier and mailing a letter with an application/nomination form to APD and Landmark occupants and owners to create interest. Mr. Graham noted the checklist for evaluating properties was not used this year, but the checklist could be included in a Town Crier article. Mr. Rodney suggested an article in the winter issue of the Town Crier that included the application/nomination deadline. Mr. Thorp felt moving the presentation to July or August might give people more time to make upgrades in the spring and early summer. When Mr. Von Handorf suggested a personal visit to the Heart of Centerville group, Mr. Rodney said he would be willing to do a presentation to advertise the competition at one of the HOC meetings. Information to share could include names and photos of the past winners as well as some of the things the BAR evaluates with the checklist. Mr. Rodney noted that the Mayor's Business Task Force might also be a resource.

The members of the BAR concurred it was appropriate to honor the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society with an award for the stewardship of the buildings in its care, including the Walton House, the Asahel Wright House and the Aaron Nutt Cottage. The Historical Society will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary within the next year. It was anticipated that the award would be presented at the June Council Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Thorp made a motion to honor the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society with the 2015 BAR Preservation Award. Mr. Hoback seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rodney discussed the following items:

- He encouraged members to attend the Volunteer Salute on the evening of May 14. 2015. Guests were welcome.
- He reminded the group to submit the emergency contact forms, so information with the City would be current.
- He noted interest in the properties at 18 and 22 S. Main Street, a detached commercial space and a home to be rehabilitated.
- He announced the possible expansion of the loading dock at Esther Price on N. Main St.

Mr. Holloway asked about work on the dentist office at Main and Franklin. Mr. Rodney stated the project was expected to move forward; detailed drawings of the exterior changes were requested of the applicant.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Holloway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Von Handorf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was scheduled in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.