

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order about 7:30 P.M. Mr. Rodney introduced Mr. Christopher Von Handorf as a new member and welcomed him to the Board of Architectural Review.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair Charles Graham, Mr. Jaime Garrett, Dr. Richard Hoback, Mr. Frank Holloway, Mr. Edward Ross, Mr. Chris Von Handorf and Mr. Brad Thorp. Also present: City Planner Andrew Rodney and Assistant Clerk of Council Julie Weaver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes were noted for the minutes of December 3, 2013.

MOTION: Mr. Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Architectural Review meeting on December 3, 2013, as distributed. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Mr. Von Handorf and Mr. Thorp abstaining because they were not present.

NEW BUSINESS

Application P-2014-0008, Series of Temporary Signs – Centerville United Methodist Church—Applicant, Sarah Richman, 63 E. Franklin Street.

Mr. Rodney gave the staff report for the application by Mrs. Sarah Rickman for a series of temporary signs for events at Centerville United Methodist Church; similar applications have been submitted and approved in the past. The Board members reviewed a photo of the sign to which the temporary ones are attached for about a week prior to an event hosted at the church. Mr. Rodney noted that the material was an opaque corrugated plastic and that Mrs. Rickman had submitted mock-ups of the individual signs and a schedule for their display. Because the request was within the limit of 30 days per half the calendar year, Mr. Rodney recommended approval of the application, as submitted.

Mrs. Sarah Rickman, a trustee of Centerville United Methodist Church, stated that the submission was as accurate as she could make it at this time. She noted the congregation was working with a new pastor, and, if a date for an event changed, the church would adjust the allotted days accordingly.

MOTION: After brief discussion, Mr. Holloway made a motion to approve Application P-2014-0008 for a series of temporary signs for Centerville United Methodist Church, as submitted. Mr. Thorp seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

2014 BAR Preservation Award

Mr. Rodney reviewed what had been done the past two years in selecting an award winner for the annual BAR Preservation Award. Photos of properties nominated last year were included in

the current meeting packet. McCutcheon Music at E. Franklin Street was not shown, but was to be included in this group of nominations. Mr. Thorp suggested that the Walton House Museum be included, because of the repairs and new cedar shake roof done in the past year, in spite of the fact for the first few years, the group had decided not to include properties that were publicly maintained. The purpose of the award was to encourage private investment in stewardship and reward properties for preservation efforts. The Board concurred to consider public properties and landmarks at this time. Mr. Garrett noted the importance of walking the district as well as looking at the photos. Mr. Rodney will prepare an expanded list of nominations for the packet for the next meeting. In the past the each member had three top choices ready to share with the group the night of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rodney included a variety of topics in the information he shared under Communications. He pointed out that the updates to the Unified Development Ordinance had been included in the packets. He encouraged members to attend the Board and Commission training meetings at the Miami Valley Communications Council on three Thursday nights in March. Topics to be covered were ethics, land use law and meeting procedures. The City Planner pointed out the possibility of distributing materials for meetings by electronic packets instead of delivering paper ones. Hard copies of agendas, minutes, and staff recommendations still would be provided the night of the meeting. He shared that the BAR would be reviewing some updates to the Unified Development Ordinance related to the Architectural Preservation District in the coming months. He said that Jolie's Boutique had a contractor for repainting the bright pink shutters, but the painting would not be done until the arrival of fifty degree weather. He announced that the Heart of Centerville wants non-profit status and is expanding its scope to include Washington Township.

When Mr. Graham asked about Dewey's Pizza, Mr. Rodney stated that the enterprise was going to Austin Landing and that the site in downtown Centerville was for sale.

The next meeting of the Board of Architectural Review is scheduled for April 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

There being no further business, Mr. Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Charles M. Graham