

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Ms. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Attendance: Ms. Heidi Miller, Chairman; Mrs. Laverne Stebbins; Mr. James Treffinger; Mr. Jaime Garrett; Mr. Charles Graham. Absent: Mrs. Martha Sheley; Mr. Alok Khare. Also present: Mr. Ryan Lee, Planner.

Excuse Absent Members:

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to excuse Mrs. Sheley and Mr. Khare from the meeting. Mrs. Sheley gave prior notice to staff of her absence. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Approval of minutes:

MOTION: Mrs. Stebbins moved to approve the Board of Architectural Review Regular Meeting minutes of October 17, 2006, as written. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Centerville-Washington Foundation - Board of Architectural Review Special Approval
(Installation of Town Clock)

Mr. Lee reviewed the Board of Architectural Review Special Approval application submitted by the Centerville-Washington Foundation requesting approval of a street clock to be installed in the area of Township Hall, 27 North Main Street, in the Architectural Preservation District (APD). The Foundation is proposing a Verdin ornamental clock to be installed which is considered a work of art having a particular public interest and special aesthetic value to the downtown.

The location of the clock was selected due to it being the largest remaining central gathering place within the APD. The northeast corner of Main and Franklin Street would be a poor location due to the congestion of existing items such as trees, the City Walking Tour Monument and traffic controller cabinet. The clock design was selected from three types and the Foundation initially chose a four-sided Howard Replica/Seth Thomas design followed by the Georgetown design.

Staff reviewed the three clock types and recommended to the Foundation the Georgetown model be used due to the architectural scale, overall proportion, and aesthetic reasons which make it a better fit with the surrounding area because of the simple, Federal and vernacular design of the adjacent buildings. It was also concluded the Howard Replica/Seth Thomas design had a more Victorian era look and feel it would be uncharacteristic to its surroundings.

The Foundation has reviewed the Staff recommendation for the Georgetown design and, as a result, modified the Howard Replica/Seth Thomas design to reduce the pole height to 12 feet, 8 inches from the original 16 feet, 7 inches.

Staff recommended approval of the installation of a Downtown Street Clock subject to the following conditions:

1. The style of the clock shall be the Georgetown design that is a two-sided clock.
2. The final location of the clock shall be approved by the Planning Department.

Mr. Richard Carr, President of the Centerville-Washington Foundation, and Mr. Bob Daley, Centerville-Washington Foundation, were in attendance to represent the applicant.

Mr. Carr stated the Foundation has been looking for a public art project to fulfill one of the goals included in the Create the Vision document which both he and Mr. Daley had participated. Mr. Carr stated the Township Trustees reviewed the proposal this past week and had some concerns to its scale and location. The clock type remains an issue as some of the members preferred a two-sided clock over a four-sided clock. Further, the location is an issue as the City prefers it to be to the side of Town Hall and the Trustees prefer it to be in front of Town Hall. Based on the issues, Mr. Carr requested the application be table until more details are made available to submit to the BAR members. He did request the members give their input regarding the project.

Ms. Miller stated the design of the clock is primarily the responsibility of the BAR and the location would be up to the City and Township. She stated she had studied the design and walked the proposed location area and found the four-sided clock to be out of scale and seems to overpower the quaintness of the area. She felt the two-sided clock would be more appropriate and stated its location should be determined where the clock would have the most optimum visibility to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Mr. Garrett stated the two-sided clock would better fit the area as a four-sided clock is more for a courtyard area. The location should be closer to the roadway and he stated the "beefier" pole would be the best choice for a more substantial base.

Ms. Miller stated the proposed pole for the Georgetown design is more architecturally correct for the era of the APD.

Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. Treffinger and Mr. Graham stated the existing traffic sign should be removed in order for the clock not to be obstructed. They also agreed the two-sided Georgetown clock was more appropriate to the area.

MOTION: Mr. Treffinger moved to table the Board of Architectural Review Special Approval application until more information is submitted to the members for their consideration. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Hylde and Jerry Strange - Board of Architectural Review Special Approval

Mr. Lee reviewed the Board of Architectural Review Special Approval application submitted by Hylde and Jerry Strange, 650 East Alex-Bell Road, requesting approval of exterior changes and a building addition to the existing garage. The zoning on the property is Residential Planned Development, R-PD, and the buildings on the site have been given landmark status.

The request is to change the existing garage to more of a traditional barn style design. The building will be re-clad with board and batten siding, and have a brown metal roof. The expansion of the garage will be to the west and all building setbacks will be maintained. The garage addition size is proposed to be 22 feet by 6 feet. Their attempt is to create a more historic look using the barn-style doors.

Staff recommended approval of the application as submitted.

Ms. Miller asked if the colors and building materials are to be considered by the BAR.

Mr. Lee stated that is part of the request. The wood siding will be natural colors and the roof would be a brown colored and made of turned metal.

MOTION: Mrs. Stebbins moved to approve the Board of Architectural Review Special Approval application submitted by Hylde and Jerry Strange, 650 East Alex-Bell Road, as requested. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

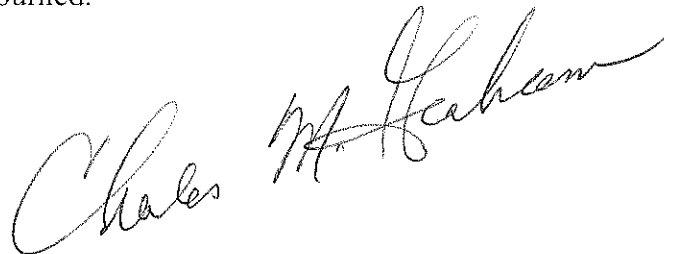
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Mrs. Stebbins stated the accessory building is still located behind the Century Realty building on West Franklin Street.

Mr. Lee stated the Zoning Inspector is working with the property owner to have it removed as soon as the weather breaks.

Mr. Lee stated the Unified Development Ordinance is moving into the design standards and will be forwarded to the members in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles M. Graham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.

