

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Mr. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Ed Ross, Dick Hoback Frank Holloway, Brad Thorp, Thomas Ovington and Chris Papakirk. Also present were City Planner Andrew Rodney and Assistant Clerk of Council Julie Weaver.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Rodney asked the Board if they wished to excuse the absence of Mr. Papakirk from the previous meeting, since he was absent because of a family emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Holloway made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Papakirk from the BAR meeting on April 4, 2017 and to reflect the same in the minutes of that date. Mr. Thorp seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Rodney noted that Mr. DeMariano had notified staff that he would be absent from the evening's meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Thorp made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. DeMariano from the May meeting. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Hoback was not yet in attendance, but he was expected to arrive momentarily.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The only change requested for the minutes of April 4 was to reflect that Mr. Papakirk was excused.

MOTION: Mr. Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Mr. Thorp seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Award of the Board of Architectural Review

Mr. Rodney stated the main business for the evening was to determine a winner of the annual award. He suggested the group share comments about the properties that had been nominated prior to the meeting and vote with a ranking for each member's top three preferences.

The nominations included the following:

- 72 East Franklin Street
- 650 East Alex-Bell Road
- 39 South Main Street
- 1 North Main Street
- 2 East Franklin Street
- 78 East Franklin Street

Mr. Ross highly recommended the property owned by Jerry and Hylda Strange at 650 East Alex-Bell Road. He stated the couple had worked diligently to restore and maintain this well-groomed original stone house and the surrounding property. A barn, a small garden and yard art graced the grounds.

Mr. Thorp stated that 650 East Alex-Bell Road was his first choice also. It obviously was well maintained. He noted the dentist office at 2 East Franklin had undergone many improvements in the past few years, and 1 North Main with Square One was also a significant structure. He felt the other nominations did not compete with these three.

Mr. Ovington pointed out the neighbors of Mr. Strange were pleased to have the Park District purchase the adjoining property. He was satisfied with 650 East Alex-Bell Road as the award winner.

Mr. Papakirk stated he was impressed with the dentist office at 2 East Franklin. The renovations renewed the positive image of the prominent Four Corners area.

Frank Holloway added that the Square One building at 1 North Main was also impressive. He added that the Jerry Strange House on East Alex-Bell Road was done well inside, as well as out, and Mr. Ross shared Mr. and Mrs. Strange sacrificed personal comfort in order to maintain period authenticity, in some cases. He did not feel that anyone had put the kind of work into a property that Mr. and Mrs. Strange had done. The property was truly an historical landmark.

Mr. Holloway pointed out that 78 East Franklin also had renovations that were well done.

Mr. Ross extended an invitation for the BAR to visit his historic wood-framed home at 1200 Forest Walk Drive. Mr. Rodney shared the owners of 39 W. Franklin may have it open for visitors for the June Food Truck Friday. He suggested the BAR might use a regular meeting night to tour properties in the APD.

Dr. Hoback arrived at this time. He was unaware of the change of meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

After Mr. Rodney asked the group to rank the properties, he tallied the votes. The home of Jerry and Hylda Strange at 650 East Alex-Bell Road was the clear winner. 2 East Franklin was second.

MOTION: Mr. Holloway made a motion to award the 2017 BAR recognition to 650 E. Alex-Bell Road. Mr. Thorp seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Weaver will notify Ms. Kathy Gross, the artist who will create the pen and ink drawing. Mr. Ross volunteered to email several pictures of the property to Mrs. Weaver, who will forward them to Ms. Gross. Mr. Rodney will invite Mr. and Mrs. Strange for the presentation of the framed award at the Centerville City Council meeting on June 19, 2017. He encouraged the BAR members to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS

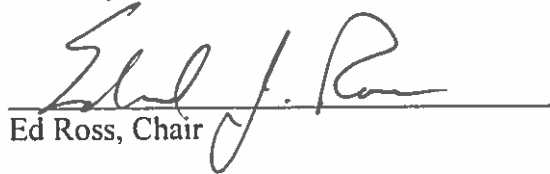
Mr. Rodney congratulated Mr. Ross on his reappointment as chairman of the Board of Architectural Review for another year, before commenting on an article concerning "The Clash of the Centuries" about a situation in Worthington, Ohio where the owners requested to install solar panels on the roof of an historic home.

In updates related to the Architectural Preservation District, the City Planner announced that Food Truck Fridays start in May. To better disperse the crowd and encourage visits to additional shops, two food trucks will be situated in each of two locations—one set at 39 W. Franklin and the other set at 2 East Franklin. Mr. Rodney shared that Nelly's on South Main may install a patio and 15 Irongate Park may house a boutique café/coffeehouse. Mac Diggers Pub was not able to add patio and seating because of building code issues, but other existing projects in the APD showed good progress.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business, Mr. Ross made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Papakirk seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

The next meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was scheduled in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on June 6, 2017.


Ed Ross, Chair