

MINUTES

HARRISBURG ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2009

**THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CITY GOVERNMENT CENTER
PUBLIC SAFETY AUDITORIUM, ROOM 213**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen McKissick, Chair
Michael Snyder, Vice Chair
Dave Patton, Codes Administrator
Bill Fontana
Dudley Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Candace H. Stowell, Deputy Director

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached attendance signature sheet.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Patton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting as presented. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 112 State Street for revisions to a proposed sign for the State Street facade.

Ms. Stowell explained that the applicant had revised the proposed signage for the main entrance on State Street so that it is now in conformance with the Zoning Code both in terms of total size and location. The staff recommendation was for approval of the new sign. The existing sign would be relocated to the rear of the building.

John Pryor of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, 401 East Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA, represented the applicant, the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania.

There were no questions from HARB members or the public and Mr. Pryor stated that he was in agreement with the approval.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Fontana seconded the motion to approve the new sign. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. 316 North Second Street to install a sign.

The applicant was not present and the HARB members agreed to continue the case until the June HARB meeting.

3 427 Herr Street, to demolish and reconstruct the rear, two-story roof and south facade, on the south facade install a new window on the second floor and replace the first floor door with a window, and install a new window on the east facade.

Ms. Stowell gave a synopsis of the case report, recommending approval with conditions.

The case was represented by Jessica Moyer, 2342 Ellerslie Street, Harrisburg, PA, and Wayne Harris, 2212 South Second Street, Steelton, PA.

Mr. Harris stated that the applicant was proposing a slight slope to the roof and that the second floor ceiling would be increased in height. Ms. McKissick inquired whether HARB should treat the alterations as reconstruction or else as a new addition. There is not a secure understanding of what used to be part of the property. Mr. Harris stated that the proposed reconstruction of the rear would increase the height of the second floor from 6'5" to 7'9".

Mr. Smith inquired why the applicant could not match the ceiling height of the adjacent house which used a flat roof for the rear portion. Mr. Fontana suggested that the roof should have a closer resemblance to the adjacent property at 425 Herr Street.

Mr. Ted Hanson from the public inquired about materials that would be used to repair the siding on the west facade of the main (two and one half story) house. The Board discussed this and recommended that any replacement material would need to be fibrous cement.

Ms. Moyer and Mr. Harris agreed to the conditions of approval including the new conditions related to the slope of the roof and the repair of the siding on the west facade of the main house.

Mr. Fontana moved and Mr. Snyder seconded a motion to approve the request with conditions and added additional conditions as follows:

1. The roof shall be replaced with a slope to match the angle of the roof at 425 Herr Street.
2. Any new siding on the west facade of the main house shall be fibrous cement.

The remaining existing conditions in the case report to remain the same:

1. Vinyl siding shall match the dimensions and shape of the original wood siding.

2. Windows shall be installed on the south and west facades only. Larger windows shall be one-over-one, double-hung and match the dimensions of the existing units; smaller units are acceptable as proposed. City staff may provide an administrative approval for additional windows to be installed on the south and west facades to increase daylighting.
3. All wood surfaces shall have a painted finish.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-0.

4 **221 North Street**

Ms. Stowell gave a synopsis of the case report, recommending approval with conditions.

The case was represented by Joseph Solomon, 1007 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA and Jonas Hair, 3521 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Mr. Solomon explained that it might be difficult to erect a trash enclosure on Church Street due to the bollards on the sidewalk. It appeared that the best location was in front of the church, not the parsonage. The neighbor who lives adjacent to the parsonage has objected to any trash enclosure in front of the parsonage. Mr. Solomon stated that they had proposed a lattice screen for the enclosure.

Ms. McKissick stated that she was not very concerned about whether the enclosure included a roof but did not believe it should be located in front of the church, obscuring the buttresses. Mr. Fontana suggested incorporating the bollards into the enclosure. Ms. McKissick stated that the enclosure needed to be sturdy, similar to the trash enclosure used for Char's Bella Mundo in Shipoke, but that a roof was not necessary.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Fontana seconded a motion to approve the request with the amended conditions as follows:

1. The applicant shall provide a revised design to be more in common with previous approvals, i.e., wood plank fencing, for Planning Staff approval. The fencing must be at least one foot higher than the trash cans.
2. The applicant shall apply for an easement permit since the enclosure will be located within the public right-of-way.
3. The enclosure shall be constructed along Church Street.
4. All wood surfaces shall have painted finish.

There were no public comments. Mr. Solomon agreed to the conditions, as amended by the Board.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-0.

5 563 South Front Street to replace an asphalt shingle roof with a standing seam metal roof.

Ms. Stowell gave a synopsis of the case report, recommending approval.

The case was represented by David Quatmann, 1817 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

Mr. Quatmann stated that it would take about five days to install the new roof once he had received approval from the City

There were no questions from HARB Members or the Public, and Mr. Quatmann stated that he was in agreement with the approval.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the request. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Patton seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.