

MINUTES

HARRISBURG ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen McKissick, Chair
Michael Snyder, Vice Chair
Bill Fontana
Dudley Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Candace H. Stowell, Deputy Director
Craig D. Peiffer, Urban Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached attendance signature sheet.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009 meeting as presented. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 1428-30 Green Street to remove all existing aluminum siding and replace with vinyl siding

Mr. Peiffer gave a synopsis of the case report, recommending approval with conditions.

The case was represented by Brian Rice and Ralph Girolano, 1428-30 Green Street Harrisburg, PA.

Mr. Smith inquired if the vinyl siding would be textured to simulate wood graining. Mr. Rice indicated that the vinyl would not contain the faux wood graining. Mr. Peiffer clarified that in previous case reports, the HARB, in review of alternative materials has made a condition of approval that alternative materials be fabricated without wood graining or be installed so the smooth side is the finished side.

Mr. Fontana inquired why staff did not recommend the use of cementitious siding in lieu of vinyl siding. Mr. Peiffer replied that in previous case reports, the HARB has permitted

the use of one alternative material to replace another alternative material. Ms. McKissick added that the residence was constructed in 1980, when aluminum siding was commonly used, and therefore the use of vinyl as a replacement material would continue the appearance of a contemporary lightweight material. She asserted that the use of cementitious siding would be heavier in appearance, and therefore more like a traditional wood siding. She stated that the width of siding was less relevant given the age of the property and siding material. Mr. Snyder stated that he concurred with Ms. McKissick and added that the subject structure was also set-back from the adjoining residence, which further negated the importance of the replacement material.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Fontana seconded the motion to approve the request with the conditions listed in the staff report. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 4-0.

2 123 Nagle Street to replace three aluminum doors with fiberglass doors

Mr. Peiffer gave a synopsis of the case report, recommending approval.

The case was represented by Timothy Bigelow, 123 Nagle Street, Harrisburg, PA.

There were no questions from the HARB Members or the public.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve the request. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 4-0.

3 1429 North Third Street to install awnings on the Reily Street Facade

Mr. Peiffer gave a synopsis of the case report, recommending approval with conditions.

The case was represented by Bobbie Van Buskirk, 2039 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Ms. Van Buskirk indicated that Fulton Bank had agreed with the proposed royal blue awning fabric color and that she would submit shop drawings to Planning Bureau Staff for approval. She also added that she would apply for the easement for work within the public right-of-way.

Mr. Smith inquired if there would be any signage on the awnings. Ms Van Buskirk stated no and added that if the tenant decided to incorporate awning signage, then GreenWorks Development would submit the design to the HARB for their review.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the request with the conditions listed in the staff report. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Peiffer provided an update on the status of the Academy Manor and North Front Street proposed municipal historic districts. He indicated that the Academy Manor District proposal was approved by the Harrisburg Planning Commission on September 2nd and approved by the Dauphin County Planning Commission on September 8th. He indicated that the next step was for a resolution to be drafted and submitted to City Council for first reading. Mr. Peiffer stated that the Planning Bureau had not yet received a response from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission on the national eligibility status for the North Front Street proposal.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.