

*******DRAFT MINUTES*******

Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
7:30pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Members Present: Oscar Fitzgerald, Chairman
John von Senden, Vice-Chairman
Chip Carlin
Kelly Finnigan
Margaret Miller
Wayne Neale
Christine Roberts

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning
Al Cox, Historic Preservation Manager
Stephanie Sample, Historic Preservation Planner

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Oscar Fitzgerald.

I. MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes from the January 21, 2015 public hearing.

BOARD ACTION: Approved as amended, 7-0.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Neale, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review, approved the minutes of January 21, 2015, as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CASE BAR2015-0006

Request for alterations and waiver of vision clearance at **313 N Royal St.**

Applicant: Daniel and Ann Horowitz

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. von Senden, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to approved of BAR Case #2015-0006, as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

2. CASE BAR2015-0002

Request to partially demolish and capsulate at **724 S Royal St.**

Applicant: Gina Matrass

This case was combined with CASE BAR 2015-0004, below, for discussion purposes.

3. CASE BAR2015-0004

Request for alterations at **724 S Royal St.**

Applicant: Gina Matrassi

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Neale, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to defer BAR Case #2015-0002. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0.

SPEAKERS

The applicant and the window contractor, Bob Pullman from Old Town Windows and Doors, were both present to answer questions.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Neale recommended that the applicant increase the height of the fascia board above the bay window. He suggested an 8" frieze and a 6" cornice. He said he would sketch what he described.

Mr. Carlin asked Mr. Pullman to describe the width of the corner boards. Mr. Pullman said that the bay comes assembled and that the trim is 5" wide. Mr. Carlin asked about whether the shutters would be retained and suggested that the shutters on the upper windows be retained but that the shutters on the door would likely be located too close to the new bay window. He wanted to see a scale drawing that represented this condition.

Ms. Roberts said that she would recommend keeping the window shutters on the second floor but not the door shutters because it would look too tight against the bay. She asked if the door shutters were original features. Staff said that a site visit would be necessary to determine if they were original.

Chairman Fitzgerald said that if the shutters were original, and the bay would crowd them, then perhaps the bay window wouldn't be appropriate.

Mr. Carlin said that there should be a minimum of 8" between the door shutters and the bay window.

The applicant proposed keeping the second floor shutters and removing the door shutters to give the bay more room.

Ms. Miller said she liked the look of the upper shutters but agreed that the door shutters should be removed.

Mr. von Senden asked why the applicant was proposing aluminum clad windows. Mr. Pullman said that staff suggested that there was precedent for the Board approving aluminum clad windows in Yates Garden. He said they were not proposing fiberglass windows because the bay unit comes assembled in aluminum clad wood but not fiberglass.

Mr. Cox said that given the setback of the property from the right-of-way, and the Board's past precedent, Staff has supported both aluminum clad and fiberglass in Yates Garden, although these cases were typically evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Dr. Fitzgerald said that there seemed to be a lot of Board discussion and inconsistencies and he felt that it was unclear exactly what the Board would be approving because the schematic elevation drawing was not to scale. The Board asked staff to survey bay windows and front door shutters in Yates Gardens to see what the typical historic conditions were in this Colonial Revival style subdivision.

Mr. Neale made a motion to defer the application so that the applicant can provide more information regarding the shutters and the bay window. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion.

REASON

The Board requested additional details about the proposed bay window and the age of the shutters before approving the application.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Architectural Review, Old and Historic Alexandria District hearing was adjourned at 7:55pm.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

CASE BAR2014-0374

Request for window replacement at 711 B Massey Ln.

Applicant: Russell Bruch

CASE BAR2014-0410

Request for window replacement at 215 King St.

Applicant: Sasan Modiri

CASE BAR2015-0010

Request for window replacement at 433 N West St.

Applicant: Toby Bordelon

CASE BAR2015-0021

Request for replace dormer siding and re-roof at 114 Commerce St.

Applicant: Gregory & Christine Christ

Minutes submitted by,

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Board of Architectural Review