

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

Board of Architectural Review

Parker-Gray District

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

7:30pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall

301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Members Present: Theresa del Ninno, Chair
Purvi Irwin, Vice Chair
Matthew Slowik
Robert Duffy
Philip Moffat
Brendan Owens

Members Absent: Bill Conkey

Staff Present: Planning & Zoning
Michele Oaks, Historic Preservation Planner
Al Cox, Historic Preservation Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Theresa del Ninno, Chair.

I. MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes from the **February 24, 2016** meeting.

BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted, 6-0

On a motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Slowick, the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review, approved the minutes of February 24, 2016, as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE BAR2016-0041

Request for alterations at **917 Princess St.**
Applicant: Third Baptist Church

BOARD ACTION: Approved, as amended, 6-0.

On a motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Ms. Irwin, the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review voted to approve BAR Case #2016-0041, as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Install the fence in line with the façade of the building, within the church property, and install and maintain low landscape planting area between the sidewalk and the fence along the entire Princess Street frontage to reduce the visual impact of the surface parking lot.

1. The applicant has the option to work with BAR staff on design alternatives for the fence.
2. Include the archaeology conditions below in the General Notes of all construction documents that involve demolition or ground disturbance (including Basement/Foundation Plans, Demolition, Erosion and Sediment Control, Grading, Landscaping, Utilities, and Sheeting and Shoring) so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirements:
 - a. The applicant/developer shall call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds.
 - b. The applicant/developer shall not allow any metal detection or other artifact collection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology.

SPEAKERS

Harry Thompson, representative for the church, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and responded to questions.

Bill O'Hara, owner at 911 Princess Street, expressed concerns with the location of the fence on the Princess Street elevation. He noted an objection to the fence being installed up against the sidewalk.

DISCUSSION

In response to Mr. O'Hara's concerns, Mr. Cox clarified that the fence along Princess Street will be constructed on the church's property line, in line with the south wall of the church, and approximately 5' from the sidewalk.

Ms. Roberts Irwin asked about the staff comments regarding the design of the fence in the report indicating that she had preferred a design which was more compatible with the architectural style of the building. Mr. Thompson said that the church members supported a design without a pointed top for safety issues for the day care.

REASON

The Board felt that the applicant's design was appropriate and compatible for the architectural style of the building, yet encouraged the applicant to consider working with staff on alternative fence designs.

OTHER BUSINESSSS

1. Update to Roofing Policy and Roofing Design Guideline for the Parker-Gray District.

BOARD ACTION: Approved, as amended, 6-0.

On a motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Ms. Irwin, the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review voted to approve the revisions to the Roofing Policy, as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

DISCUSSION

The Board found that the proposed revisions to the Roofing Policy were consistent with the Board's current practices and the Design Guidelines. The Board tabled the vote on the Roofing Design Guideline for further revisions and edits.

The Board of Architectural Review Parker Gray District meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.