

**\*\*\*\*\*DRAFT MINUTES\*\*\*\*\***

Board of Architectural Review  
Old & Historic Alexandria District  
**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**  
7:30pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall  
301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Members Present: Christina Kelley, Chair  
Robert Adams  
Christine Roberts  
John Sprinkle  
Margaret Miller  
John Goebel  
Slade Elkins

Staff Present: Al Cox, Historic Preservation Manager  
Catherine Miliaras, Principal Planner

The Board of Architectural Review, Old and Historic Alexandria District, hearing was called to order at 7:30 pm. All members were present.

**I. MINUTES**

Consideration of the minutes from the **April 19, 2017** public hearing.

**BOARD ACTION: Approved as amended, 6-0-1**

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to approve the minutes as amended from the April 19, 2017 OHAD BAR hearing. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0-1, with Ms. Miller abstaining because she was absent at the prior meeting.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3. CASE BAR #2017-00114**

Request for alterations at **212 S Fayette Street**  
Applicant: James & Nasim Fussell

**BOARD ACTION: Approved as amended, 7-0**

On a motion by Ms. Roberts, and seconded by Mr. Adams, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to approve BAR Case #2017-00114, as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED**

#### **4. CASE BAR #2017-00064**

Request for Concept Review at **400 N Washington Street**  
Applicant: Sunrise Senior Living, LLC.

#### **BOARD ACTION: Endorsed, 6-0-1.**

On a motion by Ms. Roberts, and seconded by Mr. Adams, the OHAD Board of Architectural took an informal poll and endorsed the Concept Plan, as submitted, on a vote of 6-0-1. Mr. Sprinkle recused himself.

#### **REASON**

The Board found the height, scale, mass and general architectural character of the preferred scheme (Alternate 3) to be appropriate and consistent with the Design Guidelines and Washington Street Standards. The Board also noted that they had no concerns at this time regarding the proposed demolition of the existing mid-20<sup>th</sup> century buildings.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

The Board was very receptive to the revisions and restudy options, noting that they were thoughtful and improved the project. The Board recognized the neighbor's concerns and also advised that the "rear" of the Washington Street building mass needed continued refinement and study to increase the architectural detail and reduce the visual scale. The Board appreciated the scaled-down version of the previous Georgian façade and noted it was more appropriate now reduced in scale and mass but represented the same high level of architectural detailing. They found that the revised approach to the top floor or attic level on the main block also helped to bring down the scale. Mr. Adams suggested altering the fenestration on Washington Street between the building styles to imply changes in the floor height. The Board also appreciated the architectural reference to the Pope House that had previously been on the site.

#### **SPEAKERS**

John Rust and Scott Fleming, project architects, presented the changes made since the previous review and responded to questions.

Mrs. Helms, 711 Princess Street, expressed concerns regarding the impact on the historic buildings.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

5. Staff led an informal work session concerning Preservation 101 Part II: Zoning Ordinance 10-100 and Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The OHAD Board of Architectural Review hearing was adjourned at 9:30pm.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS**

### **CASE BAR #2017-00133**

Request for fence repair at **237 N West Street**

Applicant: D. Schuman

### **CASE BAR #2017-00129**

Request for window replacement at **607 S Saint Asaph Street**

Applicant: Kylie & Jessica Allen

### **CASE BAR #2017-00130**

Request for door repair/replacement at **928 Fairfax Street**

Applicant: J. Trotsko

### **CASE BAR #2017-00128**

Request for signage at **1127 King Street**

Applicant: Elizabeth Levy

### **CASE BAR #2017-00126**

Request for HVAC replacement at **508 Queen Street**

Applicant: Robert Venezia

### **CASE BAR #2017-00127**

Request for window replacement at **715 S Washington Street**

Applicant: Laurie Wax

### **CASE BAR #2017-00124**

Request for window replacement at **1115 Cameron Street**

Applicant: Sharon Chapman

### **CASE BAR #2017-00123**

Request for driveway repair at **227 N Columbus Street**

Applicant: Robert Young