

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

Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
7:30pm, Council Chambers, City Hall
301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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

Members Absent: None

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. MINUTES

2. Consideration of the minutes from the **October 4, 2017** public hearing.

BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted

By unanimous consent, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review approved the minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting, as submitted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

3. BAR Case #2017-00353

Request for capsulation at 510 S Fairfax Street

Applicant: Robert Adams

BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted, 6-0

On a motion by Mr. Sprinkle and seconded by Ms. Miller, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to approve BAR Case #2017-00353, as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, Mr. Adams recused himself.

REASON

The Board agreed with the staff recommendation and had no objection to the limited area of capsulation.

DISCUSSION

The Board found the request appropriate and had minimal discussion.

SPEAKERS

Daniel Jacobeen, project architect, spoke in support.

4. BAR Case #2017-00354

Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 808 Duke Street

Applicants: James Oliff

Cases #4 & #5 were combined for discussion purposes

5. BAR Case #2017-00359

Request for exterior alterations at 808 Duke Street

Applicants: James Oliff

BOARD ACTION: Deferred by applicant

The OHAD Board of Architectural Review noted the deferral.

6. BAR Case #2017-00360

Request for exterior alterations at 312 N Columbus Street

Applicant: Brad Fleetwood

BOARD ACTION: Approved as amended, 7-0

On a motion by Mr. Elkins and seconded by Ms. Miller, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to approve BAR Case #2017-00360, as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

CONDITION OF APPROVAL

1. The applicant is to work with staff on a revised light configuration with 2/1 cottage-style windows on the second floor, two-light awning windows and a pair of single-light French doors based on a sketch created at the hearing. The applicant is to submit final window specifications in conformance with the BAR's Window Policy to staff for final approval.

REASON

The Board suggested that a 2/1 light configuration at the second floor would be a more appropriate and compatible solution for window replacement.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board was concerned that changing from an eclectic multilight design to a single-light design scheme would diminish the original design and architectural character of this interesting rear addition. There was also concern that it would have no relationship to the rest of the house if all muntins were removed. The Board noted it was challenging to understand the overall design without a rear elevation showing the intended design. The Board discussed a number of options for light configuration and a sketch was drawn by Mr. Elkins illustrating the 2/1 cottage-

style light configuration at the second floor. He also clarified how the first floor windows (1/1) would look with the existing three-light transoms. The Board also encouraged the applicant to replace the front elevation windows with more historically accurate 2/2 windows.

SPEAKERS

Brad Fleetwood, owner, spoke in support and responded to questions.

7. BAR Case #2017-00361

Request for after-the-fact alterations at 500 Queen Street

Applicant: Catherine Webster

BOARD ACTION: Approved as submitted, 6-1

On a motion by Mr. Goebel and seconded by Mr. Sprinkle, the OHAD Board of Architectural Review voted to approve BAR Case #2017-00361, as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 6-1.

CONDITION OF APPROVAL

If staff confirms in the field that historic wood siding is not present below the new siding:

1. The existing wood-grain fiber cement siding is permitted to remain on the south end of the west elevation.
2. The existing wood-grain fiber cement siding must be removed at the north end of the west elevation above the top of the existing privacy fence and replaced with smooth finish fiber cement clapboard.

REASON

The Board found it acceptable to use fiber cement siding on this side elevation but noted that where it is closest to the street and more visible it must be smooth and not faux wood-grained because the pattern of the faux wood grain was too regular and repetitive and did not look like natural wood.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board noted that in some discreet locations, such as side elevations adjacent to a narrow horse alley, it was acceptable to install fiber cement siding if no historic siding existed. However, the Board was not comfortable with faux wood-grained siding in these locations and noted that smooth was far preferable.

SPEAKERS

Jennifer Lucey, representing the property owner, agreed with the staff recommendation and responded to questions.

Carol Simmons, 227 North Pitt Street, spoke against the request to use fiber cement.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Old Town North Small Area Plan Update by Slade Elkins

Mr. Elkins gave the BAR a presentation on the recently approved Old Town North Small Area Plan Update. He focused on the new OTN Historic Interpretation Guide and the OTN Design Standards and Guidelines.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The OHAD Board of Architectural Review hearing was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

BAR Case # 2017-00346

Request for roof repair at 702 N Columbus St.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Murchison

BAR Case # 2017-00347

Request for roof and skylight repair at 110 Gibbon St.

Applicant: Robert Baillargeon

BAR Case # 2017-00348

Request for fence repair at 331 N. St. Asaph St.

Applicant: Anthony Acamporia

BAR Case # 2017-00350

Request for window and door replacement at 212 S. Henry St.

Applicant: RedPrint Strategy

BAR Case # 2017-00351

Request for door and fence repair at 923 S. Alfred St.

Applicant: PRS Holdings, LLC

BAR Case # 2017-00352

Request for door replacement at 513 S. Lee St.

Applicant: Harry Mahon

BAR Case # 2017-00366

Request for window and fence replacement and siding repair at 404 N. Patrick St.

Applicant: Glenn Mikols/ Randal Smith