

## COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

May 24, 2018

### Members Present

Robin Crews  
Robert Stowe  
Robert Weir  
Sean Davis  
Jeffrey Bond  
Susan Stilwell

### Members Absent

Michael Nicholas

### Staff

Ken Gillie  
Lisa Jones  
Clarke Whitfield

## ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

*Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 225 Jefferson Avenue to remove metal awning from left front porch and remove side porch addition from right side of the structure. Items being removed in preparation of exterior rehab.*

Mrs. Stowe opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mrs. Renee Burton, Project Manager. Mrs. Burton stated I brought the application before you, which you can see there is only an awning on the left hand side, there was one on the right porch as well, but it has fallen off at some point. I am not sure when exactly but I can give you date on the side porch. I know in 1951, it was not present but it appears present in 1977, somewhere in between that time it was constructed. We want to remove both items in preparation for exterior rehab for this project.

Mrs. Stowe closed the Public Hearing.

**Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to approve that it meets the guidelines as submitted. Mr. Weir seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Bond abstained**

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Mr. Weir made a motion to approve the March 22, 2018, minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gillie stated that we received a phone call for the property of 231 West Main Street next to Townes Funeral Home. They have a tenant that has recently suffered a serious

medical emergency and in order to accommodate their use of the property, they would like to install a handrail onto the front porch. They were looking for guidance from the committee on what kind of handrail they can install quickly and then bring the whole scale project back to the commission in time.

Mr. Davis stated if it is a temporary structure then they could pretty much use anything.

Mr. Gillie stated they would hate to build something twice is what they would like. Does the Commission have something that they would like to see.

Mrs. Stilwell stated they need a handrail.

Mr. Gillie stated yes they need a handrail.

Mrs. Stilwell stated mostly in the Old West End, they would use a metal pole.

Mr. Davis stated black metal pole.

Mrs. Stilwell stated securely fashioned and attached to the sidewalk and the porch.

Mr. Davis stated it usually is four ninties; two of them up top and two at the bottom, vertical one at the top and one at the bottom.

Mrs. Stilwell stated the wood exposed to the environment is going to be a maintenance issue, whereas black iron pipe you can paint it.

Mrs. Stowe stated I would like to ask advisement how do we proceed with something that is informally submitted.

Mr. Gillie stated I was just looking for guidance and I tell them this is your options and they will more likely go with the black iron pipe. That was one of the things that they discussed could we put something up like that. I can't give you the okay, and you have missed the deadline to be on the next meeting, but the person will get out of care rather quickly and they need to accommodate them. They will still have to come back for the review. They didn't want to spend the money to put something in and then tear it out. In other words they were trying to do the right thing and they didn't have the time to get it all accomplished.

Mrs. Stilwell stated under the emergency situation, they can do something as long as they know the favor and flavor of CAR.

Mr. Gillie stated yes.

Mr. Whitfield stated you are not bound for what you say today. You can come right back and tell them to put gold in there. You are informally consenting to it.

The staff were okay with that.

Mrs. Stilwell stated October 18 and 19, 2018, happening in Danville, Virginia, is Preservation Virginia is bringing their State Wide Conference and we expect at least one hundred and fifty people or more people to come from all over the State from Planning Departments, CAR'S, Developers and Architects.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Approved