

COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

September 27, 2018

Members Present

Robin Crews
Robert Stowe
Sean Davis
Jeffrey Bond
Susan Stilwell

Members Absent

Michael Nicholas
Robert Weir

Staff

Bryce Johnson
Lisa Jones
Ryan Dodson

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 161 Holbrook Ave to replace the front concrete steps and side shelves with concrete block style steps and side shelves.*

Mrs. Crews opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mrs. Ann Sylves, homeowner. Mrs. Sylves stated we are not going to replace the steps, just the side portions. There are pictures in front of you there, kind of in a crumple shape. We plan to replace them with a granite product that looks like this, and the top shelf will be solid like the picture. I just wanted to give you an idea of what it is going to look like. We are going to leave it the granite look and this will look similar to that.

Mr. Bond stated would it be the same dimensions?

Mrs. Sylves stated yes, we will try to keep the look pretty much the same.

Mrs. Crews closed the Public Hearing.

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

2. Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 742 Main St for a wall sign for an additional on-site commercial establishment. The sign will measure no more than an estimated 4.5 square feet.

Mrs. Crews Opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mr. Robert W. Haley. Mr. Haley stated I am the Managing Attorney and I own the building under the LLC Haley Family's Properties. Mr. Haley

stated what we wanted to do if you look at your materials, the mock up that Mr. Rorer did for me in my office. I am also a co-owner of Real Estate Southern Company. We conduct Real Estate Settlements in my office, in the conference room, and in the law office. We wanted to put a sign up because people are confused and they go see Bob Vaughan. We want to put up a sign to go over the small window on the right hand side of the building out front it would basically mimic the colors and the scheme of the existing sign so it will make it compatible and we would appreciate you looking favorable upon our request.

Mrs. Stilwell stated I want to applaud you going with a sign that is a dark background and light letters. It is very modern looking in that sense and not inappropriate and its clarity is amazing, you can see it twice as far as you can a white background sign.

Mr. Haley stated I have two designers in my office.

Mrs. Crews closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Johnson stated I recommended it for approval.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve that it meets the guidelines as submitted. Mr. Stowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Weir made a motion to approve the June 28, 2018, minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Review of neighborhood banners to be placed throughout the Old West End by the City in the public right-of-way.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mrs. Renee Burton. Mrs. Burton stated, I have Paul Liepe here with me to show you the new banners that we have designed and ordered for the Old West End. We have eighteen locations; there are twenty locations I think in your material and we have decided to go with eighteen, and we have ordered twenty banners with two to spare. They will go in various locations throughout the entire district. We wanted to bring this to you prior to installation to make sure that everyone was okay with them and the locations before they were installed. Our goal is to have them installed prior to the Preservation Virginia Conference, which will be October 18 and 19.

Mrs. Stilwell stated, I do want to make a comment, I'm on the Board of the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation and last year we took a trip to Youngstown, Ohio to learn how their success stories been in blight reduction and pride in the neighborhood and restoration stabilization. Wherever we went there was signage even the street signs it might say Main OWE, or if you went down Holbrook Street on the sign

whether it was a Welcome to the Holbrook Historic District. Everywhere we went, it was amazing to me. It identified neighborhoods they made the people that lived there be recognized.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved