

**Architectural Review Board
City of Petersburg, Virginia**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
135 N. Union Street, Petersburg VA 23803

Members Present:

Chair, Joe Battiston
Lisa Jordan
Celeste Wynn
Larry Murphy

Members Absent:

Vice-Chair, Dino Lunsford
Mitchell Pradia
Terry Ammons

Staff:

Secretary to the ARB, Kate Sangregorio

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Battiston called to order a regular meeting of the City of Petersburg Architectural Review Board on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Union Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803.

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented. Ms Wynn motioned to dispense of the review of the minutes, with a second from Mr Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs Jordan motioned to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Ms Wynn. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD

Chair Battiston opened the Public Information Period to anyone who wished to speak on any subject not on the agenda. With there being no comments, Chair Battiston closed the Public Information Period.

6. REQUEST(S) FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

a. 205 N. South Street

Applicant present, Josh Greenwood. Mr Greenwood explained that he purchased the property in 1982, it was a foundry. The fence posts were made of heavy channel iron maybe installed in the 1940s. Mr Greenwood bought the corner lot and has access to the property, his neighbor didn't install a new fence when the property lines were adjusted. Mr Greenwood said he needed the protection from the fence; it was the same one just moved. He said he would eventually like to install an iron fence, but moving the existing fence was immediately necessary.

Mr Battiston asked how far back the fence was moved. Mr Greenwood said he didn't like wooden fences because they're hard to maintain. Mr Battiston thought that since the fence was moved it should conform to the new standards for Local Districts. Mr Battiston asked about adding slats to the fence. Mr Greenwood suggested painting the fence, and said its covered by ivy; Mr Battiston said that would just be in the spring. Mr Battiston asked about the guidelines, staff stated the guidelines didn't directly address this situation. Mr Greenwood suggested putting wood panels on the chain link, Mr Battiston asked if the chain link could handle the weight. Mr Greenwood thought it would, and the wood would not touch the ground. Mr Greenwood said he would soon be leaving the country for some time and wouldn't be back until April. It was agreed Mr Greenwood would complete the work by the end of May. Mr Battiston asked the height of the fence, it was 7 ½ feet, the same as his neighbor. There was some discussion on attaching boards to the gate in a successful manner.

No public comment.

Mr Murphy motioned to approve a wooden fence supported by the chain link fence, with a height to match that of the neighboring property, and to accommodate the wooden panels on the gate in a method deemed appropriate for its use, to be completed by May 31. The motion was seconded by Ms Wynn and passed unanimously.

b. 328 E. Fillmore Street

Applicant not present. Mr Murphy motioned to move the application to the end of the agenda, seconded by Mrs Jordan. The motion passed unanimously.

c. 235-237 Grove Avenue

Applicant present, Richard Waybright. Staff recommended approval.

Mr Waybright explained that there was a screened porch on the rear of the house which was probably built illegally, and poorly constructed and rotted. Mr Waybright intended to leave the roof and make a loving space out of the space with the same square footage, using clear glass panels not just windows. He would also need to install footings. Mr Battiston confirmed that it would be the same footprint but done properly.

Mr Battiston asked about the request to paint the façade. Mr Waybright explained that the façade was stucco designed to appear like it was stone blocks; he wanted to paint in a way to accent what acted as mortar joints. He added that the original color of the house was green. Mr Battiston commented that it might look like the Tombstone House. Mr Waybright suggested painting a section as a sample, this was agreeable. Mr Waybright said he would be using the left door to make a match for the right; the ones installed on the house are temporary until the right door is made. Mr Murphy asked for an additional description of the addition. Mr Waybright said it would be tempered glass sliding doors with beaded hardiplank under the windows. Staff commented that smooth hardiplank was usually preferred over beaded, which was fine.

No public comment.

Mr Murphy motioned to approve the application as discussed, for the doors and addition/porch renovation, and that the applicant would paint a sample of the proposed block outline before it is approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs Jordan and passed unanimously.

d. 16 N. Sycamore Street

Applicant representative present Alain Joyeaux for Conard Kruger. Staff recommended approval. Mr Joyeaux explained the building was constructed around 1870, and the façade was done in 1920s for the Bluebird Theater. There's articulated painted brick on the façade which would be continued down the storefront. Mr Joyeaux said the hope is that the paint will come off the bricks. He was not sure yet on the composition of the storefront windows; 3 over 6 or 4 over 4 maybe; doors would be plain with center glass. Mr Murphy asked if it would be tin over the cornice, it would. Mr Joyeaux explained the lower pediment would be a duplicate of 22 N. Sycamore except without the corbles; the theater marquis would have hidden the pediment, but they didn't want to copy a Victorian upper pediment because that would be too detailed and not appropriate. Staff asked about the upper windows; they were one over one.

The ARB was amicable to the design.

There was no public comment.

Ms Wynn motioned to approve the application, with the option to change the configuration of the first floor window, as described. Mr Murphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

e. 19-21 N Sycamore Street

Applicant present Cristine Lynch. Staff recommended approval for the amended application.

Mrs Lynch explained the application would now be for using a pre-existing window as a window, and a pre-existing door as a door; and use the door which was approved for the North elevation previously.

No public comment.

Mr Murphy motioned to approve the application as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms Wynn and passed unanimously.

b. 328 E. Fillmore Street

Applicant still not present. Mrs Jordan motioned to defer this item to the next ARB meeting on February 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ms Wynn and passed unanimously.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **WORK SESSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms Wynn motioned to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Mr Murphy. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.