

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 9, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Held Virtually Via Zoom

Members Present:

Joe Battiston
Celeste Wynn
Bill Hartsock
Louis Malon
Terry Ammons

Members Absent:

Chair, Larry Murphy
Vice-Chair, Dino Lunsford

Staff:

Secretary to the ARB, Kate Sangregorio

1. CALL TO ORDER

Former chair Joe Battiston called to order a regular meeting of the City of Petersburg Architectural Review Board on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. virtually on Zoom.

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

With there being no flag present, the pledge was not performed.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 2022 ARB meeting were presented. Mr. Hartsock motioned to approve the minutes as presented, with a second from Mr. Ammons. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the June 2020 ARB meeting were presented. Ms. Wynn motioned to approve the minutes as presented, with a second from Mr. Ammons. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD

Mr. Battiston opened the Public Information Period to anyone who wished to speak on any subject not on the agenda.

With there being no comments, Mr. Battiston closed the Public Information Period.

6. REQUEST(S) FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

6a. 205 N. Jefferson Street

Applicant present, Diane Sanchez. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Battiston asked details about the hardiplank siding, such as dimensions and profile. Ms. Sanchez said it would match the front and the facade wood would be repaired. The new asphalt shingles would be the same as what was approved at 203 N. Jefferson.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Hartsock motioned to approve the application as presented, with a second from Mr. Ammons. The motion passed unanimously and the application was approved.

6b. 103 S. Jones Street

Applicant present, Earl Blackman. Staff recommended partial approval.

Mr. Blackman brought up an idea of combining the two buildings. Staff explained that such a thing has been approved in the past, but it was a long process. Mr. Blackman disregarded the idea.

Mr. Battiston stated that vinyl windows could not be used unless there are already vinyl windows on the house. Mr. Blackman agreed and said that using wood or aluminum columns instead of vinyl would be fine. Mr. Battiston said wood would be preferable. Mr. Ammons agreed with staff recommendations.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Hartsock motioned to approve the application with the recommendations made by staff: use of wood or aluminum columns and use of wood or wooden windows with aluminum cladding. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wynn and the motion were approved.

6c. 105 S. Jones Street

Applicant present, Earl Blackman. Staff recommended partial approval.

Mr. Battiston noted that the facade window had been resized in the past, and asked if it could be returned to its original size. Mr. Blackman was fine with that. Mr.

Battiston asked if turned columns could be used to match the remaining engaged columns, Mr. Blackman said those could probably be matched.

There was some discussion about the exact proposal for the addition roof. The applicant clarified that the roof on the additions would be raised to be level with the main roof. Mr. Battiston noted that it appeared the additions have a very low ceiling. Mr. Ammons said it would be idea to have some differentiation between the main house and the additions but there is not a lot of room on the lot. Mr. Ammons noted that having the whole roof the same height would retain the shotgun style character, although it was not ideal it appeared the best solution. Mr. Ammons suggested using a different standing seam panel width to differentiate the additions visually.

The proposed moving of a side window for use of a kitchen was also discussed. It was clarified that the window was part of the additions and would only be moved slightly. Mr. Blackman said more room would be needed for the kitchen. Mr. Ammons noted that it was a small alteration, new siding was going to be installed, there is not much historic fabric left on this small vernacular house. The moving of the window would not change the character of the house and would bring it to a usable condition, even though this would be a very visible elevation.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Wynn motioned to approve the application with staff's recommendations; that the roofline of the additions to be raised level with the main house and a different standing seam metal panel width would be used, that turned wood columns or square wood or aluminum columns be used on the porch, that the facade window would be returned to its original size, that the side window would be moved as presented. Mr. Hartsock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6d. 519 Plum Street

Applicant present, Carolyn Palombo, and roofer Jordan Sanderson. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Battiston confirmed that the seam height would be one inch or less, Mr. Sanderson confirmed this. Mr. Sanderson had some questions about the best way to install flashing on this roof. There was some discussion of this between Mr. Sanderson and the ARB.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Ammons motioned to approve the application as presented, with a second from Ms. Wynn. The motion passed unanimously and the application was approved.

6e. 10 W. Bank Street

Applicant present, Richard Fitzke. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Fitzke explained that some things may need to be repaired once the awning is removed, as it is dangerous. There was some discussion about the potential for installing a new awning in the future. It would probably be fabric and would need to be approved by the ARB.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Wynn motioned to approve the application as presented, with a second from Mr. Ammons. The motion passed unanimously and the application was approved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Application for discussion:

8f. 217 and 219 S. Jones Street

Applicant present, Ephriam Goodman. Staff had no official recommendation but listed in the staff report elements of the proposal which would be appropriate or not based on the Guidelines.

Discussion included the use of hardiplank siding, windows of wood or wood with aluminum cladding, and asphalt shingles. If the applicant wished to pursue the use of a composite window a sample would be helpful to determine appropriateness.

Mr. Ammons said if fake shutters are used, they should be the right size to their window. He also thought the front windows were too wide proportionately, and that a gable vent would be aesthetically nice. Mr. Battiston suggested making the entire front foundation brick rather than just under the porch.

The ARB asked that instead of a parking pad in front of the house, a driveway be installed along the side of the house to prevent the façade from being blocked.

Mr. Battiston opened the floor for anyone to speak for or against the application.

Michelle Murrills spoke. She commented that there was a new house at 441 Byrne St. which was a good example of something that looks very similar to the proposed construction.

There was no further public comment.

9. **WORK SESSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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