

COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

June 26, 2014

Members Present

Michael Nicholas
Sarah Latham
Robert Weir
Richard Morris
Robin Crews
Sean Davis

Members Absent

Susan Stilwell

Staff

Renee Burton
Clarke Whitfield
Christy Taylor

Vice Chairman Nicholas called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness PLCAR2014000159, filed by Charlotte Litzenberg on behalf of the Cancer Research and Resource Center of Southern Virginia to install a 36" x 36" metal sign on an existing post at 103 South Main Street, Kennedy Hall.*

Open the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of the request was Ms. Melanie Vaughan. You can see from the picture, the existing sign post that we will be using. We submitted pictures of the sign. We won't be changing the sign post. We hope that you will find it appropriate.

Mrs. Crews asked is the size depicted in the request?

Ms. Vaughan responded yes. We will be using the fasteners that are there.

Close the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Latham made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Mrs. Crews seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

2. *Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness PLCAR2014000160, filed by Cara Burton on behalf of the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History to complete the following at 975 Main Street:*
 - a. *Erect a banner from August 1-September 1 to advertise "Margaritaville"*
 - b. *Install "Clean up after your dog" signs along Magruder Alley*

Open the Public Hearing.

Mr. Weir arrived at 3:35 p.m.

No one was present to speak.

Close the Public Hearing.

Mr. Nicholas stated the Margaritaville banner is just a 30 day request right?

Mrs. Burton responded correct.

Mr. Nicholas asked are the "Clean up after your dog" signs also for 30 days or are they permanent?

Mrs. Burton responded they will be permanent.

Mr. Whitfield stated because one is for 30 days and one is permanent, I would take these in separate motions.

Mrs. Latham made a motion to approve the 30 day banner for Margaritaville. Mr. Weir seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Weir stated this has got to stop. They do it every year. This is something that doesn't need our approval.

Mrs. Burton stated it will.

Mr. Nicholas asked where on Magruder Alley are they proposing to put it up?

Mrs. Burton responded on the two little yellow things.

Mr. Davis asked where is the third one?

Mrs. Latham stated yeah, because I thought I had read that there was supposed to be three signs.

Mrs. Burton stated I was told by the sign company that they were making three. At this point, the museum only has intentions for the two locations. Maybe they are making one as a "just in case" sign.

Mr. Nicholas stated it looks like one is on the entrance to the walking path and the other is where the monuments are.

Mrs. Latham stated it is right near the steps.

Mr. Nicholas asked what kind of sign posts are they going to use?

Mrs. Burton stated I had a discussion with Public Works and what we discussed was to have it on a wooden post no taller than 4'. If you guys want to change that it can be

done. They said if you wanted a black metal post, they were amicable to that too. At this point that is what the plans are. Public Works will be doing the job.

Mr. Nicholas asked is a wooden post their recommendation?

Mrs. Latham responded that would be more attractive.

Mr. Weir asked isn't the outside of this building controlled by the City?

Mrs. Burton responded it is City property.

Mr. Weir asked why does the City need a permit to do its own property?

Mr. Davis responded because the City places the representation of the museum on the director.

Mr. Whitfield stated we have to follow all of the same rules.

Mr. Weir stated according to that meeting last night it didn't sound that way. The City can do anything it wants in the Historical District.

Mrs. Latham stated that is on public right-of-way.

Mr. Nicholas stated this is private property owned by the City, because it is characterized that way, the City has to go through the same hoops that a normal private property owner does. If this was a public right-of-way it would be a different story.

Mrs. Latham made a motion to approve the erection of 2 signs as submitted. Mrs. Crews seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINTUES

Mrs. Latham made a motion to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes as corrected. Mr. Weir seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

The new member, Sean Davis was welcomed to the Board.

Mrs. Burton reported on the public meeting regarding the Design Guidelines.

There was discussion about administrative approval of signs as a potential change to the Design Guidelines.

Mrs. Latham mentioned that a draft to the Design Guidelines would be made available for viewing on Myfamily, which Allison Platt would set up. Photos and comments can be added.

Mrs. Burton stated there will be a cell tower constructed at 1005 Industrial Avenue. It is right on the corner of Industrial and Holbrook Avenue. We did receive word for comments for their section 106 reviews. If anyone has any comments I am going to forward them on today. I have photos from the balloon test if you would like to see them.

Mr. Davis asked is it going to be a high tower?

Mrs. Burton responded 150' is the maximum allowed by the Zoning Code. They were approved by City Council at their last meeting. This is the final step for them prior to construction plans. It is very low visibility from the OWE. It is just a monopole tower. It won't be that nasty lattice type.

Mr. Weir asked why can't they make it like a lot of people do, like a tree or something? They are getting to be the ugliest thing.

Mrs. Burton stated they can make those. They are called stealth towers.

There was discussion about the appearance of towers and the benefits of stealth towers.

There was further discussion about the location for the tower and the appearance.

Mrs. Latham made a request for Planning Commission to investigate the creation of an ordinance to require stealth towers in view shed of the Historical District and the eligible Historic District. Mr. Weir seconded the request. The request was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Latham stated the blue house on Main Street, right next to 841, is under contract or has sold, Rick just told me that he heard that it is Section 8 housing. Is this a true fact?

Mrs. Burton responded do not know, nor do we have any control over that.

Mrs. Crews stated thank you, you do not.

Mrs. Burton stated that is within the property owner's rights. I don't know if that is going to be multi-family.

Mrs. Latham stated I don't know.

Mr. Nicholas stated I am going to cut this off. Let's hold off on this because we are on the record.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved