

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Held Virtually Via Zoom

Members Present:

Chair, Larry Murphy
Joe Battiston
Celeste Wynn
Terry Ammons
Bill Hartsock
Louis Malon

Members Absent:

Vice-Chair Dino Lunsford

Staff:

Secretary to the ARB, Kate Sangregorio

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larry Murphy called to order a regular meeting of the City of Petersburg Architectural Review Board on Wednesday, January 12, 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

Mr. Malon motioned to approve the presented minutes from the ARB special meeting on July 28, 2021 and the regular meeting on May 13, 2020; seconded by Ms. Wynn. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hartsock motioned to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Mr. Battiston. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD

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

With there being no comments, Chair Murphy closed the Public Information Period.

6. REQUEST(S) FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

6a. 217 Low Street

Applicant not present.

Mr. Malon motioned to move the application to the end of the agenda, with a second from Mr. Battiston. The motion passed unanimously.

6b. 248 Hurt Street

Mr. Murphy was acting as the applicant and would abstain from voting. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Murphy explained that the new construction previously approved on this lot would have required a variance through Zoning to meet setback requirements, so the plans were changed to a two-story house, which also seemed to fit with the area. He also said they would use windows of wood or wood with aluminum cladding.

The ARB was supportive of the project. Mr. Hartsock noted that the foundation would be visible with the slope of the land; Mr. Murphy said the foundation would be brick.

No public comment.

Mr. Hartsock motioned to approve the application as submitted, with a second from Mr. Malon. The motion passed unanimously.

6c. 427 S. Sycamore Street

Applicant not present.

Mr. Battiston motioned to move the application to the end of the agenda, with a second from Mr. Malong. The motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7a. 606 S. Sycamore Street

Applicant present, Valerie Dingle Parham. Staff recommended approval.

There was no discussion by the ARB

There was no public comment.

Mr. Malon motioned to approve the application for roof replacement, using either real slate or a composite/ faux slate. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wynn and passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8e. 334 Harrison Street – Application for Discussion

Applicant not present.

Mr. Murphy noted that the applicant had taken the ARB's previous comments about the project into account with this new submittal. Mr. Battiston and Mr. Hartsock wanted to know the materials; staff would speak to the applicant. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Malon were not fond of the colors, but Mr. Battiston pointed out that it was appropriate, and a similar palette has been used in Petersburg before.

Mr. Battiston noted that the second floor façade windows appeared to be sitting directly on the porch roof; this could cause deterioration so they should either be positioned farther up or trim should be used between the window and roof. Mr. Murphy wondered if a hipped roof should be considered. Mr. Malon noted that the small opening in the third floor gable could be made bigger so it was more proportionate, the board agreed. Mr. Hartsock suggested the parking pad/driveway should be concrete aggregate.

The applicant, Tom Heineman joined the meeting. He mentioned the Virginia Avenue project and other lot developments throughout the city. Staff restated the comments made by the ARB in his absence, Mr. Heineman was accepting of the comments. Mr. Murphy noted that the materials for the windows should be wood or wood with aluminum cladding, and the siding should be wood or hardiplank. Mr. Battiston suggested the use of Richmond Rail for the porch and asked staff to share the specs for it with the applicant.

9. WORK SESSION

Unfinished Business:

6a. 217 Low Street

Applicant still not present. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Hartsock said that people living on High Street would be able to see the roof. Staff clarified that the solar panels would not be visible from public right-of-way, only from the private residences on High Street, and them being installed on a

location which could not be seen from the ground was compliant with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Malon motioned to approve the application as submitted as per the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, with a second from Ms. Wynn.

Voting yes: Mr. Murphy, Mr. Malon, and Ms. Wynn. Voting no: Mr. Battiston and Mr. Hartsock. The motion passed three to two and the application was approved.

6c. 427 S. Sycamore Street

Applicant still not present. Staff recommended approval.

Staff was uncertain about the evidence for justification of the use of brick piers.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Battiston motioned to defer the application based on lack of information, with a second from Mr. Malon. The motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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