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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 2016

AGENDA

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| 1. BSD HR – Castray Residence 15-122ARB-MPR | 25 S. Riverview Street Minor Project Review (Approved 5 – 0) |
| 2. BSD HC – Gerber & Mitchell, LLC 16-004ARB-MPR | 109 S. High Street Minor Project Review (Approved 5 – 0) |

The Chair, David Rinaldi, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present were: Jane Fox, Thomas Munhall, Everett Musser, and Shannon Stenberg. City Mayor, Greg Peterson. City representatives were: Jennifer Rauch, Katie Dodaro, and Laurie Wright.

Administrative Business

The Chair introduced our City Mayor, Greg Peterson, so he could address the Board.

Mayor Peterson thanked the Board for their service performing this incredibly important job. He said City Council also extends their appreciation for the service this Board provides to our community.

Motion and Vote

Ms. Stenberg moved, Mr. Rinaldi seconded, to accept the documents into the record. The vote was as follows: Ms. Fox, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Munhall, yes; Mr. Rinaldi, yes; and Ms. Stenberg, yes. (Approved 5 – 0)

Motion and Vote

Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Musser seconded, to accept the December 16, 2015, meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: Mr. Munhall, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Ms. Stenberg, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; and Mr. Rinaldi, yes. (Approved 5 – 0)

The Chair briefly explained the rules and procedures of the Architectural Review Board [the minutes reflect the order of the published agenda.] He swore in anyone planning to address the Board on this application.

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| 1. BSD HR – Castray Residence 15-122ARB-MPR | 25 S. Riverview Street Minor Project Review |
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The Chair, David Rinaldi, said the following application is a request for site modifications to the driveway and walkways of an existing single-family residence on the west side of S. Riverview Street and north of Spring Hill Street. He said this is a request for review and approval of a Minor Project Review under the provisions of Zoning Code Section 153.170 and the *Historic Dublin Design Guidelines*.

Katie Dodaro presented the aerial view of the site and the existing conditions of the two front porches, walkways, driveway, and back porch. She explained the porches connect to the gravel driveway via

walkways made of stone or tiles. She said the proposal includes the resurfacing of three porches, two walkways, and the driveway. She said porches will all be resurfaced with stamped concrete in a five-foot by five-foot Slate Skin pattern and the color will be Putty with a Charcoal release. She said the walkways would also be a stamped concrete finish in the same colors but with a Notched Ashler Slate pattern. She stated the driveway would be solid concrete with no pattern in a Concrete Gray color.

Ms. Dodaro said this application meets all review criteria and approval is recommended with no conditions.

Jane Fox asked for clarification on the description of the concrete color to be added to the porches.

David Rinaldi asked why the applicant chose a four-foot wide walkway with sweeping arcs. He said this design deviates from what was typical for a home of this area; normally the walkways were narrow without radii in the hardscape plan.

Christine Castray, 4859 Shadowlane Drive, Dublin, said the cracking and crumbling of the concrete initiated the project. She said they wanted to remove the plain colored tiles installed in the 80's. She said they decided to do the walkways to accentuate the porches and complement the stone on the house, which is the best design feature.

Mr. Rinaldi said he had no concern over the material choice; he was more concerned with a four-foot wide sidewalk. He said even today, most homes have a three-foot wide sidewalk. He said he was questioning the use of a wide walkway for a historic home.

Tom King, contractor, King Concrete's Design Impression, Inc., 1316 Stimmel Road, Columbus, OH 43223. He said the hardscape design had a nice flow instead of using 90 degree angles. He said a four-foot plan gave it a more appealing look and easier access at the driveway.

Everett Musser asked Mr. King if he had done similar walkways this wide as a contractor. Mr. King answered the number of walkways at this width were probably 80 – 85%.

Ms. Castray said the front porch stairway will allow for a four-foot path and would be more pleasing to the eye, matching the dimensions of the walkway and the width of the porch.

Mr. Rinaldi expressed concerns about the wider walkways as presented.

Mr. Rinaldi invited public comment.

Tom Holton, 5957 Roundstone Place, Dublin, said he is the president of the Historical Society. He noted the proposal included concrete resurfacing applied with a concrete stamp pattern. He said this is a relatively small but very beautiful house, a historic home, built by a stone mason and the craftsmanship shows. He asked the Board and the applicant to consider a flagstone design with a three-foot width, which would be more in keeping with the proportion of the house. He said it was Mr. Rinaldi's comment about the sweeping nature of the walkway plan that prompted him to consider the material being proposed. He said this design would not be consistent with a home of that period; sidewalks would have been closer to the house and not sweeping curves. At the same time, he said he did not want to interfere with the intention of the owners. He added landscaping will make the design much more attractive. He emphasized he would like the parties involved to consider narrowing the width of the walkways by one foot. He agreed the tile should be removed and replaced with something else.

Ms. Fox asked if there were other options for stamp patterns, such as a flagstone design.

Jennifer Rauch said other design options were provided with the submittal including flagstone.

Ms. Castray said she was not opposed to changing the stamp pattern (cobblestone) but the reason they did not select the flagstone style was because they felt it was going to conflict with the existing flagstone design on the house. She indicated the flagstone pattern would look fake next to the flagstone pattern on the house. She said she prefers real stone to stamped concrete but it is more costly.

Ms. Fox confirmed the applicant considered a flagstone pattern. She questioned the flagstone on the back porch. Tom Munhall indicated that was not original to the house. Ms. Castray said that was a quick job they completed on a Saturday.

Sharon Stenberg said she would be supportive of approving everything with a reduction of width to three feet.

Mr. Musser said he would agree with that proposal.

Ms. Fox inquired about the widths of the porches and existing walkways. Mr. King said the width between the two columns on the front porch is four feet and the existing walk is \pm three feet. Ms. Fox said she did not mind the width of four feet. She confirmed the terra cotta tiled walkway coming off the front porch was \pm three feet. She concluded that a four-foot wide walkway is not going to detract from this because of the wide porches.

Mr. Munhall said he is supportive of the application with no conditions; he said real flagstone is more expensive, it becomes a maintenance issue, and snow removal makes it impossible.

Ms. Fox confirmed the driveway material will just be a plain concrete. She asked if coloring the driveway to match the walkways was considered or if it was cost prohibitive. Mr. King answered the products used for stamped concrete is a different color product that is used for the driveway so there is no way to match it. He said with a driveway that large, there is going to be color variations if color is used because there might be two different days of pouring and would not match.

Ms. Fox asked if the ART discussed the width of the walkways. Ms. Rauch replied the width was not a concern raised by the ART. She said ART found this proposal an improvement to the existing walkways and driveway. She indicated it made sense to her that a flagstone pattern not be used per the reasons stated by the applicant. She agreed for a single-family, resident walkways are usually narrower than four feet but the ART did not discuss the width. She said she would defer to the Board but suggested the walkway could be four feet where it meets the porches and the driveway but tapered down to three feet in between. She restated it is up to the Board's discretion.

Mr. Musser stated three feet is more in scale with the house but he would not argue about the four feet being requested.

Mr. Rinaldi asked the applicant if they would be in agreement if this Board recommended a decision to make the walkways three feet wide.

Ms. Castray said she would not be opposed to three feet; she was relying on Mr. King's expertise. She said they will add landscape to accentuate the new pathways. Mr. Munhall suggested keeping the boxwoods. Ms. Castray said they plan to keep all but the ones on the back porch.

Mr. Rinaldi said he did not want to impede on the process at all, as this was a great improvement. He said the pattern is fine but thought the four-foot walks would dominate the elevations and were not in character with the historic nature of this home.

Ms. Castray said narrower walkways will be less expensive.

Mr. Rinaldi said he was prepared to make a motion to approve the proposal if the walkways were decreased to three feet.

Ms. Fox suggested allowing the paths to widen at the porches to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. King asked what would be appropriate for the end of the walkways where they meet the driveway. He said he would like to flare that out also to be consistent.

Mr. Munhall said he would be supportive of that as long as the interiors are three feet; he clarified they are not so concerned with the beginning and the ends of the walkways.

Mr. Rinaldi indicated the original plan would need to be modified.

Motion and Vote

Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Musser seconded, to approve a request for a Minor Project Review with the following condition:

- 1) That the applicant reduce the width of the walkways from 4 feet to 3 feet but be allowed to increase the width of the end of the walkways where they meet the driveway and porches.

The vote was as follows: Mr. Munhall, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Ms. Stenberg, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; and Mr. Rinaldi, yes. (Approved 5 – 0)

2. BSD HC – Gerber & Mitchell, LLC 16-004ARB-MPR

109 S. High Street Minor Project Review

The Chair, David Rinaldi, said the following application is a request for the installation of a new projecting sign and a new directory sign for an existing building on the west side of S. High Street at the intersection with Pinney Hill Lane. He said this is a request for review and approval of a Minor Project Review under the provisions of Zoning Code Sections 153.066(G), 153.170 and the *Historic Dublin Design Guidelines*."

Katie Dodaro presented the aerial view of the site and a zoomed-in view of the site itself. She pointed out the main structure on the front, a carriage house on the back of the property, and existing parking. She said there are two existing signs, one at the front of the property on the main structure and one on the back. She said the proposal includes replacing the existing projecting sign with a three-inch thick HDU panel with ½-inch raised borders and graphics, installed on the existing wood bracket using existing hardware. She noted the proposed sign's background color will be Amber Slate (dark gray) and the border and graphics will be in the Capital White color. She said the proposed directory sign plaque will be the same color scheme, has three interchangeable panels for tenants, and the text and graphics will be applied with a high performance vinyl. She stated Code permits three signs and this application includes two, which match the size and shape of the existing signs. She said the signs meet the size and color requirements and since the proposed signs are being installed in the same locations as the previous signs, approval is recommended with one condition:

- 1) That the plans be updated prior to sign permitting to show dimensioned sign location and mounting height meeting Code.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or concerns with this application. [There were none.]

Jennifer Rauch explained the agenda was amended to reflect the change of this Minor Project Review. She said originally the applicant requested modifications to building, trim, and door colors and the installation of new shutters and light fixtures for an existing building and outbuilding. She indicated the

applicant intends to: paint the main building and carriage house using the existing color scheme; replace light fixtures; and replace plant material, which is considered maintenance and does not require action from the ART or the Architectural Review Board. She concluded she wanted the Board to be aware of the improvements in case they witnessed those changes.

David Rinaldi asked if red was the original color of the buildings. Ms. Rauch answered the original had not been identified but the color is appropriate per the *Historic Dublin Design Guidelines*.

Jane Fox inquired about the white proposed for the signs as it did not appear to match the creamy white on the buildings trim. Ms. Rauch confirmed the light color on the signs will match the color of the trim used on the building.

Motion and Vote

Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Munhall seconded, to approve a request for a Minor Project Review with the following condition:

- 1) That the plans be updated prior to sign permitting to show dimensioned sign location and mounting height meeting Code.

The vote was as follows: Mr. Musser, yes; Ms. Stenberg, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Mr. Munhall, yes; and Mr. Rinaldi, yes. (Approved 5 – 0)

Communications

Tom Munhall asked if there was an update on the glass company. Jennifer Rauch indicated it had been purchased and temporary improvements have been made but was not sure if they meet property maintenance requirements.

Jane Fox inquired about the historic and cultural assessment and inventory. Jennifer Rauch said the process for selection of a consultant is underway.

Ms. Rauch announced Mandy Bishop, the City's consultant, will be presenting the public improvements with the Bridge Street District to the Board in February 2016.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

As approved by the Architectural Review Board on February 24, 2016.