

The Smithfield Board of Historic and Architectural Review held its regular meeting on July 16th, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. Roger Ealy, Chairman, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney, Ms. Julie Hillegass, Mr. Trey Gwaltney, Mr. Ronny Prevatte and Mr. Russell Parrish. Ms. Nancy Fortier was absent. The staff members present was Mr. William G. Saunders IV, Planner/GIS Coordinator and Mr. William H. Riddick III, Town Attorney. There were four (4) citizens present.

Chairman Ealy – I would like to call this meeting of the Board of Historical and Architectural Review to order. The first item on the agenda is the Town Planner's Report.

Planner/GIS Coordinator – Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All I have to report tonight is one administrative approval for 215 Washington Street to replace the front porch with same or similar colors and materials.

Chairman Ealy – Next we have a list of Upcoming Meetings and Activities. We do not have anyone signed up for Public Comments. Do we have any Board Member Comments?

Mr. Parrish – I have probably had enough input on the first application presented tonight. I would like to abstain myself from voting.

Chairman Ealy – Next is Proposed Exterior Renovations, Addition and Signage – 402 Grace Street – Non-Contributing – T. Carter Williams, IOW Christian Outreach, applicants.

Mr. Williams – Ladies and gentlemen, I am Carter Williams. I live at 500 Moonefield Drive. I am the project manager. I am on the building team for the proposed renovation on Grace Street. I am here to answer any questions that you may have. I think you have before you a picture of what the building used to look like. We are going to turn it into something that is going to be a whole lot better. We are going to put a hip roof on it. The color for the roof will be Quaker Gray. It is a metal, standing seam roof. There are similar ones around town with the same type of metal but the colors are different. The trim colors will be Bone White. I want to let you know that the trim coming off of the metal is steel. It will be baked on enamel from the factory which will be Bone White. The building will be white. If you look at the picture it shows a gray trim around the bottom. They decided not to do that. I like the contrast but they want to keep the same color all the way down.

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – Would they consider the bottom color?

Mr. Williams – Yes, they will consider that.

Chairman Ealy – The roofing material will be the wide commercial metal?

Mr. Williams – Correct.

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – What color are they going to paint the doors?

Mr. Williams – There are doors all the way around the building. The ones on the front are the store front type with glass with the metal around it. The two on the back are dark red.

Mr. Prevatte – I would like to make a suggestion when you paint the brick put a conditioner on it first.

Mr. Williams – Yes, we are going to do all of that. We have to power wash it. Then we have to seal, prime, and then put two coats of paint on it. It is an intense type of application. So what color are we going to do the doors?

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – I would say the same color as the building. I would personally I like to see the gray on the bottom.

Mr. Williams – Okay. You all can make that decision right now.

Chairman Ealy – If it was gray at the bottom then it would disguise dirt. The applicant would have to amend the application in order to change the bottom color.

Town Attorney - It is really up to the applicant. You can either approve it or disapprove it but you cannot tell him how to paint his building.

Mr. Williams – We can certainly take that into consideration. If the Board feels that it should have a contrast on the bottom then I can bring that to the Board at Christian Outreach.

Planner/GIS Coordinator – If I could bring one thing to your attention. This also includes an addition at the rear which really will not be visible from the front. It will match the style of the renovated building. The signs are also included in the application. The signs were actually already installed because of a fundraiser event. They obtained a temporary sign permit in the hopes that this sign design would be approved. The signs were not put up illegally. They were put up with a temporary sign permit to carry them through tonight's meeting with the hope that they would be approved tonight.

Mr. Trey Gwaltney – Do those signs meet the requirements?

Town Planner – Yes.

Chairman Ealy – I will entertain a motion. The picture shows a color at the bottom but the application does not reflect that.

Town Attorney – You can say whatever you would like but that is not your function. They have submitted a proposal asking to paint the entire building one color which is white. That is what they want to do. You can say you like something else but that is not what is before you. You can approve the application or disapprove the application. We have been through this for years. You cannot tell people how to paint their building.

Mr. Williams – If you all want to approve the concept and make a recommendation to put the color at the bottom like the picture shows then I will take it to the Board. You would have to amend the motion.

Mr. Trey Gwaltney – I will make a motion that we recommend that they paint the base of the building as it appears in the picture but we are willing to accept the proposal as submitted if they do not want to do it.

Ms. Hillegass – Second

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – I did not understand the motion.

Chairman Ealy – The motion is to accept it as presented with the recommendation that they use the color on the bottom as shown in the picture. A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed say nay.

On call for the vote, six members were present. Ms. Hillegass voted aye, Mr. Prevatte voted aye, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney voted aye, Mr. Roger Ealy voted aye, and Mr. Trey Gwaltney voted aye. Mr. Parrish abstained. There were no votes against the motion. There was one abstention. The motion passed.

Chairman Ealy – Next is Proposed Signage – 215 Main Street – Non-Contributing – Russell Claunch, Southern Chic Trading, applicants.

Mr. Claunch – I am Russell Claunch. My daughter and I are the owners of Southern Chic Trading. It has been very exciting coming to Smithfield. Everyone has been very nice. I come to you today to ask for approval for the signage. I apologize that I did not have a color printer at the time. We were able to give close enough detail to get an idea of what we wanted to do. Basically, we just want a vinyl sticker that was the same size and similar style like what was in the window before from the flower shop.

Chairman Ealy – I assume this meets the requirements for size?

Planner/GIS Coordinator – Yes it does.

Ms. Hillegass – I will make a motion to approve as submitted.

Mr. Parrish – Second.

Chairman Ealy – A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay.

On call for the vote, six members were present. Ms. Hillegass voted aye, Mr. Prevatte voted aye, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney voted aye, Mr. Roger Ealy voted aye, Mr. Trey Gwaltney voted aye, and Mr. Parrish voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Ealy – Next we have Approval of the May 21st, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Town Attorney – Mr. Chairman, I recommend that the minutes be approved as presented.

Ms. Hillegass – So moved.

Mr. Trey Gwaltney – Second.

Chairman Ealy – A motion has been made and properly seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay.

On call for the vote, six members were present. Ms. Hillegass voted aye, Mr. Prevatte voted aye, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney voted aye, Mr. Roger Ealy voted aye, Mr. Trey Gwaltney voted aye, and Mr. Parrish voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Ealy – Is there any other business? The meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Roger L. Ealy
Chairman

William G. Saunders, IV
Planner/GIS Coordinator