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HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD Work Session February 2, 2022

The Historic District Review Board of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, met in work session on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Herndon Police Department, Community Room, 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass, Vice Chair Eric Boll, Board Members: Lauren Edmondson, Melody Fetske, Matthew Ossolinski, Hiren Shah and William Savage.

Others present during the meeting: Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Bryce Perry, Deputy Director of Community Development, Tamsin Himes, Lead Planner/Design Development and Erika Orellana, Clerk of Boards and Commissions.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blaker-Glass called to order the February 2, 2022, Historic District Review Board work session.

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass stated that seven members were present, which constituted a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2. APPLICATION FOR SIGNAGE, HDRB #21-016**, to consider an application for an exterior wall sign located at 702 Elden Street, Herndon Virginia Suite A, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 52 0010. The site is located within the Junction Square development and is situated approximately 90 feet west of the intersection of Elden Street and Monroe Street. This property is zoned as PD-TD, Planned Development – Traditional Downtown, and consists of 461 square feet of floor area. Owner: Kavitha Maddi, Skyvish Square 702 Elden St A LLC. Applicant/Agent: Clay Downing, Signs by Clay Downing.

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Chair Blaker-Glass opened the work session and called on Tamsin Himes, Lead Planner/Design Development, for the staff report. Ms. Himes presented the staff report dated February 2, 2022, which is on file in the office of Community Development.

Ms. Himes stated that the proposed application was to consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations to the commercial building located at 681 Spring Street.

Ms. Himes expressed two major issues with the same as proposed:

- The zoning ordinance requires either halo lit or indirect lighting. Channel letters are not permitted.
- The sign placement conflicts with an existing egress light that is required by code.

Ms. Himes explained that staff was withholding a recommendation for HDRB #21-016, until further information has been submitted by the applicant.

The applicant's agent and the business owner were both in attendance to discuss the case. Board Members stated their concerns regarding the size of the sign, it's design, the lighting of the sign, and it's conflict with the egress light conflict. Board Member Shah recommended a scale drawing for the proposed signage. The applicant's agent and board members discussed other potential types of sign such as a blade or hanging sign. The Downtown Patternbook was referenced and it was suggested that the applicant use this as a resource for helping to find the best sign solution. The applicant's agent and owner responded to the board members' concerns. There were no further concerns, and the Board concluded the discussion.

3. **APPLICATION FOR BUILDING ALTERATIONS, HDRB #22-001, to consider an application for alterations and a rear second story addition to a single-family house located at 743 Florence Place, Herndon, Virginia, approximately 250 feet south of the intersection of Florence Place and Oak Street, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 02 0104. The property is zoned as zoned R-10, Residential Single Family-10 District and consists of approximately 43,560 square feet of land. Owner: Venture Atlas Herndon LLC. Applicant: Michael Wijdoogen, MW Architects.**

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the work session and called on Tamsin Himes, Lead Planner/Design Development, for the staff report. Ms. Himes presented the staff report dated February 2, 2022, which is on file in the office of Community Development.

Ms. Himes stated that the proposed application to consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition and exterior alterations to a residential building located at 743 Florence Place.

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Ms. Himes stated that staff has asked for clarification and additional information for the alteration proposed for the building.

Ms. Himes explained that staff was withholding a recommendation for HDRB #22-001, until further materials and design information has been provided.

The applicant and owners were both in attendance to discuss the case. There was a discussion amongst the Board, staff, applicant and owners on this item. The applicant provided the board and staff with updates to their application which addressed some of the information requested by staff. Board Members expressed their excitement for the much needed work and their encouragement to the owners for taking on such a large project. Chair Blaker-Glass noted to the owner that she and other Board members have been through historic house restoration projects and so understand this situation. She also reiterated that the Board is here to help, not hinder. The Board expressed concern over the level and type of replacement materials and whether this level of replacement might strip the structure of its historic character. Ms. Edmonson urged the board to provide concrete suggestions to the applicants so that they would have a clear way forward.

Among the items discussed, the applicant agreed to consider fiberglass clad windows, wooden front and second story doors on the front facade, A reduction in the siding reveal on the historic portions of the house to be the same as existing (5" reveal), modifications to the roof, eaves and cladding of the addition to differentiate between modern and historic portions, preservation of existing shutters, finding replacement spindles to match existing as closely as possible, and change the proposed porch floorboards to a more suitable material. The applicant and owners responded to the board members' concerns. There were no further concerns, and the Board concluded the discussion.

COMMENTS

4. Comments from the Staff Members

There were no comments from the staff members.

5. Comments from the Board Members

There were no comments from the Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Board Member Shah, seconded by Vice Chair Boll, the February 2, 2022 HDRB work session was adjourned by a vote of 7-0, the vote was: Board Members, Edmondson, Fetske, Ossolinski, Shah, Savage, Vice Chair Boll and Chair Blaker-Glass voting "Aye."

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



**Leslie Blaker-Glass, Chair
Historic District Review Board**



**Erika Orellana
Clerk of Boards and Commissions**

Minutes approved by the Historic District Review Board: March 16, 2022