TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

HERNDON ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chair Blaker-Glass called the May 21, 2025, Architectural Review Board regular meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Town of Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. Board Members in attendance: Tamim Chowdhury, Amy Oleinick, Triston O'Savio, Vice Chair Melody Fetske, and Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass.

Staff present during the meeting: Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Bryce Perry, Deputy Director of Community Development; Angelina Jones, Lead Planner; and Aaron Zoellick, Clerk of Boards and Commissions.

Chair Blaker-Glass determined there was a quorum of five members present.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. April 2, 2025, Architectural Review Board Work Session Minutes

b. April 16, 2025, Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Fetske motioned to approve the minutes for the April 2, 2025, Architectural Review Board work session and the April 16, 2025, Architectural Review Board regular meeting. Motion seconded by Board Member Tamim Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 4 - 0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, O'Savio, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye."

Board Member Oleinick was absent from the vote.

3. Comments

a. Comments from the Staff Members

Ms. Jones notified the board of a pending Historic District Review Board application for the June meeting and a discussion item for the Architectural Review Board.

b. Comments from the Board Members

Chair Blaker-Glass welcomed Ms. Jones to the Town of Herndon staff.

c. Comments from Citizens

No comments were offered.

4. <u>Public Hearings</u>

Certifications of Public from the Editor of the Fairfax County Times Newspapers were filed, showing that notices of the following public hearing items were duly advertised in the May 2 and May 9, 2025, issues.

a. APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION, ARB #25-002, to consider an application for an alteration to a commercial building located at 1051 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia.

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the public hearing and recognized Ms. Jones for the staff report.

Ms. Jones delivered the staff presentation dated May 21, 2025, which is on file with the Department of Community Development. Ms. Jones stated that this an an application for an alteration to the commercial building located at 1051 Elden Street. The applicant proposes to paint the brick-clad portions of the building's exterior with light-colored paint. Staff provided two alternative draft resolutions for approval of the application.

Chair Blaker-Glass recognized the Board Members for questions of staff.

There was a discussion among staff and Board Members on this item, including: (1) the cost difference between the latex and mineral-based paint; and (2) whether mineral-based paint is a preferred method for maintaining the look and texture of the brick.

Ms. Jones stated that cost should not be considered in the decision-making process.

Chair Blaker-Glass recognized the applicant for comment.

The applicant Yusuf Mehmetoglu was present and provided brief comments.

There was a discussion among staff, the Board, and the Applicant on this item, including: (1) the applicant's thought process on the plan to paint the building; (2) whether the applicant has experience with mineral-based paint; (3) clarification that the mineral-based paint maintains the texture of the brick better than latex; and (4) clarification on what surfaces mineral-based paints are recommended for.

The applicant stated that they would prefer latex paint but would go with mineral-based, if required.

Chair Blaker-Glass recognized comments from members of the audience.

No comments were offered.

Chair Blaker-Glass closed the public hearing and moved to the board level for discussion and possible action.

Board Member Chowdhury motioned to approve ARB #25-002 in accordance with draft resolution #2, as presented. Board Member Oleinick seconded with an amendment to use a color that closely matches the color proposed in the application. Board Member Chowdhury agreed with the amendment. Board Member O'Savio asked if the board is able to consider cost. Chair Blaker-Glass replied that the guidelines do not allow the board to consider cost. Vice Chair Fetske thanked the applicant for his comments. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, Oleinick, O'Savio, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye."

5. <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, and without objection, the May 21, 2025, Architectural Review Board regular meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Aaron Zoellick

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Clerk of Boards and Commissions

Minutes approved by the Architectural Review Board: October 15, 2025