

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2014
4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Warren Green Building, 10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

Attendance:

Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)
Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)
Hilary Gerhardt (Cedar Run District Representative)

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner
Maureen Williamson, Staff

Not in attendance:

Brandie Schaeffer (Center District Representative)
Chris Phillips (Lee District Representative)
Julie Broaddus (Scott District Representative)

1. Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.
2. The June 4, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Gerhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.
3. New Business
 - Preview of the Casanova Tower
Pre-Application & Requirements for Architectural Review Board (ARB) Review

Ms. Wheatcraft discussed her attendance at Verizon's public meeting held in Casanova on June 5, 2014 for the proposed telecommunications tower. She noted that public opinion of the proposed project was mixed with some in favor of the tower due to inadequate cell service in the area and others making comments relating to the tower's height and negative impact on the landscape.

Ms. Wheatcraft told the Board that at their August 6th meeting, they will be tasked with reviewing a cell tower proposal presented by Verizon Wireless. Because the proposed tower height is more than 120 feet, the applicant is required to submit first to the ARB for their review and recommendation, prior to submitting the Special Exception application. The Casanova Tower is being proposed at a total height of 158 feet.

Ms. Wheatcraft presented a "how to" document to assist members with the review and recommendation process. Ms. Wheatcraft explained that the Board's application review process should focus on three criteria, which are required in Article 11 of the Zoning Ordinance:

1. Section 11-102.3.a of the Zoning Ordinance, "Location" and "Sitting"
2. Section 11-102.3.b.14 of the Zoning Ordinance, Assessment of Historic Resources & Scenic Byways
3. Criteria within Chapter 9 Addendum of the Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Wheatcraft led a discussion on how each criteria may help to determine effect.

Mr. Lee noted that he spent some time at the site and commented that the requested height may have some effect. He mentioned asking the applicant if camouflaging the pole is an option.

Mr. Lee noted that a working draft revision of the Cell Tower Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan is being written and will go before the Planning Commission at their July meeting. He also noted that the County's telecommunications consultant will be engaged once the Special Exception application is submitted.

Mr. LaMonica asked about a group visit to the site prior to the next meeting. Ms. Wheatcraft noted that the applicant must submit their application two weeks prior to the next ARB meeting. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she will contact ARB members once the submission is received and will then plan a trip to the site prior to the next meeting.

4. Ongoing Business

- ARB FY2014-15 Project Plan
Fall 2014 (Archaeology Month, etc.)

The following ideas were discussed for the celebration of Archaeology Month:

Ebenezer Church (Blackwelltown) Cemetery Clean-up

Ms. Wheatcraft discussed this project with a November timeframe, which would give summer vegetation time to die off and therefore making clean-up easier. Ms. Root mentioned using Richard Deardorff's high school students who have tackled the cleaning of cemeteries and may be available for such a project, as they perform community service for history-related projects.

Study of McCormick House/Workshop Site or Camp

The Board briefly discussed this item.

Archaeology Public Lecture

There was discussion of hosting a public lecture and possibly partnering with Southern Fauquier Historical Society. The Board discussed using the Bealeton Depot, as the depot is used for community meeting space.

- Preservation Month: Public Brick Workshop
 - Mr. LaMonica brought in brochures from Virginia Lime Works, makers of lime mortar, to spark the Board's interest in generating ideas for the public masonry workshop. Ms. Wheatcraft reminded the Board that attached to the meeting email, was the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions newsletter, the *Alliance Review*, in which is an appropriate article on planning hands-on public workshops.

5. Announcements

Ms. Root made the announcement that she is unable to attend the next meeting of this Board. Ms. Wheatcraft asked the Board if they wished to postpone or reschedule the next meeting. There was no sentiment to do so.

6. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 6, 2014. The meeting will be held on The 2nd Floor Conference Room, Warren Green Building, 10 Hotel Street, Warrenton and will begin at 4:00 p.m.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.