

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
July 15, 2013

The Albemarle County Architectural Review Board met on Monday, July 15, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Room 241, Second Floor, County Office Building, Charlottesville, Virginia. Those members present were John Quale, Bruce Wardell, Marcia Joseph, Charles T. Lebo, Vice-Chair; and Fred Missel, Chair. Staff members present were Margaret Maliszewski, Brent Nelson, and Sharon Taylor.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Missel called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and established a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Missel invited public comment. There being none, the meeting proceeded.

Change in Agenda:

Mr. Missel skipped to other business items because the applicant for Stony Point Volunteer Fire (AT&T Wireless) Tier 2 PWSF was not present.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hyatt: Copper Panels

Staff presented some photographs and the copper sample approved for the Hyatt at Stonefield, and the ARB discussed the appearance of the copper panels as installed, including the material, the color, the finish, and possible treatments. The ARB then directed staff to contact the architect to get answers to the following questions:

1. What material was installed? Is it copper? Is it the anodized copper that wasn't approved?
2. Is the material what was approved by the ARB? If not, why not?
3. If it is copper, has it been treated? If so, how?
4. Why don't all of the panels match?
5. Does the material need some kind of treatment to match the approved material?
6. What can be expected in terms of time required for the panels to age to the approved appearance?

Countywide CofAs: Recent submittals

There were no items to review for Countyside CofAs.

Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2013

Motion: Mr. Lebo moved for approval of the minutes of July 1, 2013.

Mr. Quale seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 5:0.

The ARB agreed to hear the request without the applicant being present.

REGULAR REVIEW ITEMS

ARB-2013-89: Stony Point Volunteer Fire (AT&T Wireless) Tier 2 PWSF – Review of Site Development Plan (Tax Map/Parcel 04800-00-00-018D0)

Proposal: To establish a personal wireless services facility with a 109.5 foot tall monopole and associated equipment.

Staff Presentation:

Margaret Maliszewski reviewed photographs and summarized the staff report, noting:

- The balloon test was conducted on July 3, 2013. The balloon was visible from a few locations on Route 20. It was visible as you approach the fire station from the south. It was visible from both ends of the Stony Point School property. Since the Entrance Corridor road is not a pedestrian road with sidewalks the view will only be for a few seconds.
- The ground equipment was not visible from the Entrance Corridor since it was sitting in sort of a hole.
- Two actions are required of the ARB – one for the ground equipment, one for the visibility of the monopole.
- Staff recommends the following:

Regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for the ground equipment and base station:

Because the proposed facility is consistent with all applicable guidelines, staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed.

Regarding visibility of the monopole:

Staff recommends that the ARB forward the following recommendation to the Agent:

The ARB finds that the proposed location of the facility will sufficiently minimize the visibility of the monopole from the Entrance Corridor.

Applicant Presentation:

No one was present to represent the applicant.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Wardell said it was unclear from the packet how well screened the ground equipment would be from the Entrance Corridor.

Ms. Maliszewski replied that the ground equipment really is sort of down in a hole and would not be visible from the road.

Mr. Lebo noted that visibility seemed to be very limited and asked for clarification regarding the locations from which the photos were taken.

Regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for the ground equipment and base station:

Motion: Mr. Lebo made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for ARB-2013-89 Stony Point Volunteer Fire (AT&T Wireless) Tier 2 PWSF as proposed because the proposed facility is consistent with all applicable guidelines.

Mr. Wardell seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 5:0.

Regarding visibility of the monopole:

Motion: Mr. Lebo made a motion to forward the following recommendation to the Agent for ARB-2013-89 Stony Point Volunteer Fire (AT&T Wireless) Tier 2 PWSF.

The ARB finds that the proposed location of the facility will sufficiently minimize the visibility of the monopole from the Entrance Corridor.

Mr. Wardell seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 5:0.

Next ARB Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m. to the next ARB meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013 in Room 241, Second Floor, County Office Building at 1:00 p.m.

Fred Missel, Chairman

(Recorded and transcribed by Sharon C. Taylor, Clerk to Planning Commission & Planning Boards)