

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2013**

The Albemarle County Architectural Review Board met on Monday, November 4, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Room 241, Second Floor, County Office Building, Charlottesville, Virginia. Those members present were Bruce Wardell, John Quale, Charles T. Lebo, Vice Chair, and Fred Missel, Chairman. Mr. Quale arrived at 1:18 p.m. Absent was Marcia Joseph.

Staff members present were Margaret Maliszewski, Design Planner and Sharon Taylor, Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Missel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and established a quorum.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Ms. Maliszewski pointed out the meetings are now being podcast and posted on the web.

**REGULAR ITEMS**

- a) **ARB-2013-138: Brown Mercedes Amendment** - Amendment to an Approved Certificate of Appropriateness (078000000014A)

**Proposal:** To construct a new entry portal and canopy.

**Staff Presentation:**

Margaret Maliszewski summarized the staff report noting the primary points of discussion as follows:

1. The entry portal: scale, material, color, compatibility with the original building and the EC
2. The canopy: scale, materials, colors, compatibility with the original building and the EC

Staff recommends approval of the proposal with the following conditions:

1. Provide complete information on proposed building/canopy lights for review. If canopy lights are proposed, limit light levels to 20 footcandles maximum.
2. Eliminate the horizontal tracks from the sign proposal when it is submitted for formal review.

**Applicant Presentation:**

Jim Grigg, with Daggett and Grigg Architects, offered to answer questions. Clark Gathright, of Daggett & Grigg, was also present. Representatives of the auto dealership were also present.

## **Board Discussion:**

The ARB discussed the proposal with staff and the applicant concerning the issues raised by staff in the report and provided comments included in the following summary. The ARB noted the following issues:

- The horizontal bands look uncoordinated due to the fact the sign panel is on top of the bands. An alternative is to remove the panel.
- A separate sign application is required for staff review.
- The size of the letters may look more appropriate if the panel is removed.
- The scale and detailing of the portal and canopy are appropriate for the building.

**Motion:** Mr. Lebo moved to approve ARB-2013-138: Brown Mercedes Amendment with the conditions listed in the staff report, amended as follows:

1. Provide complete information on proposed building/canopy lights for review. If canopy lights are proposed, limit light levels to 20 footcandles maximum.

Mr. Wardell seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 3:0. (Joseph and Quale absent)

**b) ARB-2013-139: Brown Subaru Amendment - Amendment to an Approved Certificate of Appropriateness (045000000068D4)**

**Proposal:** To remove the existing fieldstone portal, to construct a slate veneer icon tower, and to install an ACM panel fascia to meet national branding standards.

## **Staff Presentation:**

Margaret Maliszewski summarized the staff report noting the primary points of discussion as follows:

1. Removing the stone entry portal and creating a slate icon tower.
2. Replacing stucco at the south end of the building with ACM panels.

Staff offers the following comments on the preliminary design:

1. Eliminate the slate icon tower and ACM panels. Maintain the stone entry portal, the stucco band, and the architecture of the building as originally approved by the ARB.

## **Applicant Presentation:**

Jim Grigg, with Daggett and Grigg Architects, asked for guidance from the ARB. Also present was Clark Gathright.

Mr. Quale arrived at 1:18 p.m.

## **Board Discussion:**

The ARB discussed the proposal with staff and the applicant concerning the issues raised by staff in the report and provided comments included in the following summary. The ARB noted the following issues:

- There is concern with the actual view from Entrance Corridor – it should be coordinated.
- A language of corporate identity at the entrance has been established for the overall development.
- The slate is fine as a material, just not in the application proposed.
- A middle ground would be using the slate for the entry portal.
- The gray ACM panels would make the design more inconsistent.
- If the other dealers will be asking for changes also, it would be best to consider them all together. A coordinated approach is best.

**Motion:** Mr. Wardell moved to approve ARB-2013-139: Brown Subaru Amendment with the following conditions:

1. Eliminate the slate icon tower and ACM panels.
2. The slate material could be used appropriately if incorporated into the configuration of the original stone entry portal.

Mr. Lebo seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 3:0. (Joseph absent, Quale abstain)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Mountaintop Montessori: Work session?**

Staff noted that Mountaintop Montessori is developing changes to the ARB-approved building design and would like to present their ideas to the ARB in a work session. Mr. Missel and Mr. Wardell noted that they had met with the applicant and Mr. Quale stated that he had email correspondence with the applicant, who had been a classmate. Staff asked for direction on the type of work session the ARB would like to hold. After a brief discussion, the ARB agreed to a work session and directed staff to allow the applicant to choose the type of review for the work session: 1) without a staff report or 2) with a staff report, which the ARB values, but which will take longer to schedule.

### **c) Approval of Minutes: 10-7-2013 and 9-16-2013**

**Motion:** Mr. Lebo moved for approval of the minutes of September 16, 2013 and October 7, 2013.

Mr. Quale seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 4:0. (Joseph absent)

**Next ARB Meeting:** Monday, November 18, 2013

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m. to the next ARB meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013 in Room 241, Second Floor, County Office Building at 1:00 p.m.

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Fred Missel, Chairman

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