

1 **STAFFORD COUNTY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES**

2 **November 4, 2024**

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4 The meeting of the Stafford County Architectural Review Board of Monday, November 4, 2024, was
5 called to order at 6:00 PM by Linda Burdette, in the ABC Conference Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr.,
6 Government Center.

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8 MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Burdette, Doris McAdams, Kim Taylor-Wilson, Mark Ethridge and Billy
9 Shelton

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11 MEMBERS ABSENT:

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13 STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

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15 GUESTS PRESENT: Dustin Shaw (VanZandt), Melissa Colombo (Architect)

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17 CALL TO ORDER

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19 Linda Burdette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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21 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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23 Crissy Kendall called roll. There was a quorum.

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25 VOTE TO ACCEPT OR AMEND THE AGENDA

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27 Billy Shelton motioned to accept the agenda; Kim Taylor-Wilson seconded. Motion passed 5 -0.

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29 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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33 NEW BUSINESS

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35 1. COA Application Review #24155914

36 New Construction, Tax Map Parcel 53 10A in the Ingleside Historic Resource Overlay District

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38 Ms. Kotting provided an overview of the COA application. This is for new construction on a .325-acre
39 parcel, A-1 agricultural, in the Ingleside Historic Resource Overlay District. Packets had been mailed
40 out prior to the meeting and reviewed by the board members. There was an amendment made from the
41 proposed vinyl-clad windows to Pella Lifestyle aluminum-clad wood windows. Ms. Kotting feels the
42 placement is appropriate, the scale is compatible with the surrounding building, the construction
43 materials and design details are visually compatible with those found within the district and the style
44 of the new construction references historic vernacular residential design yet is of its time. Staff
45 recommends approval with the modification of aluminum-clad window and doors. The potential colors
46 for the new construction was discussed with a preference for neutral tones. The aesthetics of the
47 aluminum-clad windows was discussed and Mr. Shaw explained that they are virtually
48 indistinguishable at a distance and don't give a vinyl appearance at all. Ms. Colombo stated the
49 windows are 400 series and the city of Fredericksburg has approved the 400 series on many projects.

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Mr. Shelton made a motion to approve the application with the modifications. Doris McAdams seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Sherwood Forest Proposed Historic Overlay District Update

There is no update on the three unfinished business items. At the Board of Supervisors meeting Chairman Bohmke requested Ms. Knotting do two on two meetings with the board members to educate them on all the projects and answer any questions they may have. At this time nothing has been scheduled. Ms. Burdette will contact the BOS members and remind them the meetings need to be scheduled. The board discussed ranking the projects in order to be prepared prior to the meetings. It was decided Clifton Chapel is the first priority, Sherwood Forest is number two and Little Falls is three.

2. Clifton Chapel Proposed Historic Resource Overlay District Update

See Item 1.

3. Little Falls Farm (Duff Green) Historic Resource Overlay District Update

See Item 1.

REPORTS BY ARB MEMBERS

Ms. Burdette did a zoom attendance at the National Historic Preservations Legal Conference. One portion of the conference was devoted to religious properties. The cases discussed involved people who objected to churches getting state and federal grants for historic preservation because they felt like it was supporting religion which is not allowed. The law is that as long as the grants are for historic preservation of a historic building it is fine but once they went into anything that had a religious service or overtone that would be cut off. There is argument that the Constitution allows for free exercise of religion and the historic preservation was impacting the ability to freely exercise religion or to establish a religious organization. This discussion is important considering the number of religious historic properties in the area.

Mr. Ethridge requested the staff reports be distributed a little earlier to give plenty of time to review. Ms. Kotting said she'd be happy to forward the information sooner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2024 (No October meeting)

Mr. Shelton motioned to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes. Ms. Taylor-Wilson seconded. Approved 5 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.