

**AGENDA**  
**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**  
February 20, 2008 – 3:00 P.M.  
Pre-Council Chambers – Mobile Government Plaza  
205 Government Street

**A. CALL TO ORDER – Chair**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Mid-Month Requests Approved by Staff

**B. MID-MONTH APPROVALS**

1. **Applicant's Name:** Robert G. Randall  
**Property Address:** 1621 Springhill Avenue  
**Date of Approval:** January 30, 2008  
Replace damaged front metal gate with a new metal gate to match existing. Replace metal rails at the balconies with new 42" metal rails.
2. **Applicant's Name:** Fauver House Movers and Construction  
**Property Address:** 262 Dexter Avenue  
**Date of Approval:** January 30, 2008  
Replace portions of the rotted sill. Repair and expand existing pier foundation with materials to match.
3. **Applicant's Name:** James Lawrence  
**Property Address:** 1205 New St Francis Street  
**Date of Approval:** February 1, 2008  
Repaint house exterior:
  - Body – Sears Berber Ivory
  - Trim – Off White
  - Porch Deck – Dark Green
4. **Applicant's Name:** Howle Lacy Contractors, Inc.  
**Property Address:** 501 Government Street  
**Date of Approval:** February 1, 2008  
Install new black 3-tab shingle roof to match existing.
5. **Applicant's Name:** Caroline Coker  
**Property Address:** 16 Semmes Avenue  
**Date of Approval:** February 6, 2008  
Install new roof using GAF Timberline architectural 30-year shingles, Onyx Black in color.
6. **Applicant's Name:** Jeff Mizell  
**Property Address:** 57 South Julia Street  
**Date of Approval:** February 6, 2008  
Install new dark brown 3-tab shingle roof to match existing.
7. **Applicant's Name:** Wendell Quimby  
**Property Address:** 256 North Franklin Street  
**Date of Approval:** February 6, 2008  
Install new black 3-tab shingle roof to match existing.
8. **Applicant's Name:** Nathaniel Gibbs  
**Property Address:** 1325 Springhill Avenue  
**Date of Approval:** February 8, 2008  
Repair hole in roof, repair any damage to decking and match the existing black shingles.
9. **Applicant's Name:** Charles Bowen  
**Property Address:** 1560 Macy Court  
**Date of Approval:** February 11, 2008  
Install new dark brown 3-tab shingle roof to match existing.

10. **Applicant's Name:** Patrick Thistlewaite

**Property Address:** 22 Hannon Avenue

**Date of Approval:** February 11, 2008

Replace rotten wood on existing shed, reroof to match house (charcoal gray) and repaint to match.

11. **Applicant's Name:** David Slepian

**Property Address:** 5 North Claiborne Street

**Date of Approval:** February 11, 2008

Install a 2SF cast bronze – raised bronze letters with a black background – wall sign above the historic plaque next to the front door.

12. **Applicant's Name:** Lamar Elliott Construction

**Property Address:** 100 Bradford Street

**Date of Approval:** February 12, 2008

Replace rotten wood as necessary on sills, siding and rafters with materials to match existing in profile, dimension and material.

13. **Applicant's Name:** Diane Maisel

**Property Address:** 252 West Street

**Date of Approval:** February 12, 2008

Paint the house in the following ICI colors:

- Body – Icy Peach
- Trim – Forest Black

14. **Applicant's Name:** Thomas Roofing

**Property Address:** 210 Government Street

**Date of Approval:** February 12, 2008

Reroof building using built-up materials to match existing.

#### C. OLD BUSINESS

1. **003-08-CA:** 121 Dauphin Street

**Applicant:** Kevin Hannon of Trimmer Smith Awnings

**Request:** Install an awning with sign.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **012-08-CA:** 116 Houston Street

**Applicant:** Robert Barnes

**Request:** Install a privacy fence.

2. **013-08-CA:** 16 Semmes Avenue

**Applicant:** Caroline Coker

**Request:** Remove the chimney.

3. **014-08-CA:** 309 West Street

**Applicant:** Tim Gibson

**Request:** Raise pitch of porch roof, replace single rear door with doubles and lower a rear window.

4. **015-08-CA:** 255 Church Street

**Applicant:** Robin Sanders

**Request:** Install a wind turbine with wind directors.

#### E. OTHER BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Discussion – Guidelines, NAPC, Other

#### F. ADJOURNMENT

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**STAFF COMMENTS**

**003-08-CA:** 121 Dauphin Street  
**Applicant:** Kevin Hannon of Trimmer Smith Awnings  
**Received:** 01/15/08      **Resubmitted:** 02/11/08  
**Meeting:** 02/06/08      **Meeting:** 02/20/08

**INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION**

**Historic District:** Lower Dauphin Street Commercial  
**Classification:** Contributing  
**Zoning:** B-4  
**Project:** Install an awning with sign.

**BUILDING HISTORY**

According to previous research, this three-story brick commercial building with stone veneer was constructed circa 1940. With the exception of a glass and aluminum storefront installed circa 1965 and rehabbed in 2007, the façade remains intact.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW**

Section 9 of the Ordinance states, “the Board shall not approve any application proposing a Material Change in Appearance unless it finds the proposed change will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the district...”

**STAFF REPORT**

- A. This building has 42.6 linear feet of frontage. There is a metal band along the front that originally housed a fabric awning and a 2SF neon open sign on the storefront. This application was tabled on 02/06/08 due to the way the awning was going to be attached to the building, which would obscure and possibly damage the building’s architectural features.
- B. The Sign Design Guidelines for Mobile state that signs shall “not obscure the architectural features or openings of a building...shall relate to the design of the principal building on the property...shall be in proportion to the building and the neighboring structures and signs...should match the historic materials of the building...[and] shall use focused, low intensity illumination.”
- C. The proposed work includes the following:
  - 1. Install a 3’-3” d by 3’-3” t by 40’-6” w Forest Green Sunbrella canvas awning over the storefront that will be attached to the existing signboard.
  - 2. Paint a 20SF Subway logo onto the canvas per the submitted specifications.
  - 3. The total amount of existing and proposed signage is 22SF; the total amount allowed for this building is 64SF.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff feels that an awning and sign will not impair the historic integrity of the building or district. As mentioned above, this building had an awning in the past and the proposed unlit sign brings the sign total to well below the allowable limit. Staff feels that the new proposed awning is more amenable to the building as it will be attached to an existing sign board and will not obscure or damage the building’s architectural features. Staff recommends approving the application.

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**STAFF COMMENTS**

**012-08-CA:** 116 Houston Street  
**Applicant:** Robert Barnes  
**Received:** 01/30/08 (+45 Days: 03/14/08)  
**Meeting:** 02/20/08

**INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION**

**Historic District:** Old Dauphin Way  
**Classification:** Contributing  
**Zoning:** R-1  
**Project:** Install a privacy fence.

**BUILDING HISTORY**

This one-story brick veneer bungalow was constructed circa 1930.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW**

Section 9 of the Preservation Ordinance states, "the Board shall not approve an application proposing Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the district..."

**STAFF REPORT**

- A. This residence currently has no fence.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state that fences "should complement the building and not detract from it. Design, scale, placement and materials should be considered along with their relationship to the Historic District."
- C. Mr. Barnes is proposing to install a 6'-0" dog-eared wood privacy fence to enclose the back yard per the submitted site plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the building or district and staff recommends approving the application.

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**STAFF COMMENTS**

**013-08-CA:** 16 Semmes Avenue  
**Applicant:** Caroline Coker  
**Received:** 02/04/08 (+45 Days: 03/20/08)  
**Meeting:** 02/20/08

**INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION**

**Historic District:** Old Dauphin Way  
**Classification:** Contributing  
**Zoning:** R-1  
**Project:** Remove the chimney.

**BUILDING HISTORY**

According to previous records, this one-story frame Bungalow was built in 1922.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW**

Section 9 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance states that “the Board shall not approve any application proposing a Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the historic district...”

**STAFF REPORT**

- A. There is a chimney located at the ridge of the roof toward the front of the residence.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state, “[o]riginal or historic roof forms...should be maintained.”
- C. Ms. Coker is proposing to remove the chimney and reroof area with shingles to match existing.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the information submitted in the proposal, staff feels that the proposed work will impair the historic integrity of the building or the district. Chimneys are defining historic features of residences and, as stated in the Guidelines, should be maintained. Staff recommends denying the application.

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**STAFF COMMENTS**

**014-08-CA:** 309 West Street  
**Applicant:** Tim Gibson  
**Received:** 02/06/08 (+45 Days: 03/22/08)  
**Meeting:** 02/20/08

**INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION**

**Historic District:** Leinkauf  
**Classification:** Contributing  
**Zoning:** R-1  
**Project:** Raise pitch of porch roof, replace single rear door with doubles and lower a rear window.

**BUILDING HISTORY**

According to previous records, this two-story Mediterranean-style residence was built circa 1917.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW**

Section 9 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance states that “the Board shall not approve any application proposing a Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the historic district...”

**STAFF REPORT**

- A. Currently, the porch roof is flat, which has been causing considerable rot where the roof meets the house. Also, as mentioned above, there is a single door leading to the back yard.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines state, “[a] roof is one of the most dominant features of a building. Original or historic roof forms should be maintained. Materials should be appropriate to the form and pitch and color.” The Guidelines also call for renovations to be sympathetic to the age and style of each building.
- C. The proposed work includes the following:
  - 1. Raise the pitch of the right side of the porch roof to allow for water run-off.
    - a. All new materials will match existing materials and no architectural details will be altered.
    - b. The roofline will be below the band underneath the windows.
  - 2. Replace the single rear door with a set of wood, 10-lite, double French doors with a transom.
  - 3. Lower the window adjacent to the rear door and add a transom to match the door height.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the information submitted in the proposal, staff feels that the changes will not impair the historic integrity of the building or the district. Although the porch roof is being altered, the pitch will be very slight to allow for water run-off. It will also match the existing left side of the porch and none of the architectural detailing in the façade will be disturbed. Additionally, the work on the rear façade, which had been previously altered, is sympathetic to the age/style of the building. Staff recommends approving the application.

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**STAFF COMMENTS**

**015-08-CA:** 255 Church Street  
**Applicant:** Robin Sanders  
**Received:** 02/06/08 (+45 Days: 03/22/08)  
**Meeting:** 02/20/08

**INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION**

**Historic District:** Church Street East  
**Classification:** Non-Contributing  
**Zoning:** B-4  
**Project:** Install a wind turbine with wind directors.

**BUILDING HISTORY**

This multiple-story hotel was constructed in the 1960s.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW**

Section 9 of the Preservation Ordinance states, "the Board shall not approve an application proposing Material Change in Appearance unless it finds that the proposed change...will not materially impair the architectural or historic value of the building, the buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity, or the general visual character of the district..."

**STAFF REPORT**

- A. There is currently a shed structure housing a turbine on top of the sixth floor.
- B. The Design Review Guidelines do not have any specific guidelines for modern electrical or mechanical structures on rooftops; therefore, each application is reviewed individually.
- C. The proposed work includes the following:
  - 1. Remove the existing shed and turbine on the roof.
  - 2. Install a new turbine with wind directors.
    - a. It will be 6'-6" tall.
    - b. It will be located in the middle of the roof (roughly in between the existing shed structure and the elevator box).

**RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed work does not impair the historic integrity of the district and staff recommends approving the application. The new turbine and directors will be placed in the middle of the roof and, at 6'-6" tall, it will be less noticeable than the existing shed to be removed (by contrast, the elevator box on which the flag sits is approximately 6'-0" tall). Also, it will be only minimally seen from the street.