

Design Review Committee
February 18, 2010
The Fell's Point Visitor Center
1724-26 Thames Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

Attending: Anne Stacy, Adam Carballo, Ann Hagarty Boyce, Jerome Bird, John Thompson, Joel Plitt and secretary Denise Whitman

Executive Session:

This meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, 2/11/10, due to the snow storm.

1744 Eastern Ave - Denise Whitman met with the owners and discussed the windows and installation. It was recommended to the owner that they use a contractor or carpenter with window installation experience. The owners will be using wood Baltimore Bullnose for the surround with wood window sashes from Crown Lumber and a sash installation kit.

Decision: Approved

Regular Session:

6:15 pm 1434 Fleet St. Karen Kontoudis

no show

6:40 pm 1728 Thames St. Candace Beatty

This is a revisit for this property. The work on this property facade was previously approved; however, the owner is having issues with secondary fire egress.

The door is currently 30.78 inches wide. Building code requires that a new door be 36 inches wide for egress. The Fire Marshall John Carr was consulted by the owner and will allow the door opening to be 34 inches - no less. The owner would like to remove the historic Eastlake styled storefront facade and reapportion the woodwork in the storefront to accommodate a 34 inch door. This will necessitate removing all of the woodwork to accomplish this goal. Several DRC members felt that the brittle ornamental woodwork in this 120+ year old facade would not survive being removed.

It was suggested that a consultation be conducted with John Carr to see if a slightly smaller door opening would be acceptable. The members felt that if no other solution to the door opening size can be found, that the committee would consider allowing the removal of the facade.

Ms. Beatty also stated that in order to get a liquor license, the premises will need an extra 75 seats. In order to accomplish this, Ms. Beatty would like to put an addition in the rear to get the extra 75 seats.

Decision: Resubmit

7:00 pm 930 S. Wolfe St. Hawkeye Construction

This is a review for a "signature" property in Fell's Point. This building is a two story brick

triangular shaped late Victorian building, that fronts on Thames and Wolfe Streets. The building's main entrance is at the intersecting point of Thames and Wolfe Street and is semicircular brick in construction, topped by a slate shingled "witches hat" conical peaked roof. The unique facade of this building has made it a favorite in print and video media.

The property owner would like to improve second floor accessibility and place a door opening in the northernmost window opening of the Wolfe Street facade. While the Design Review Committee is generally opposed to the modification of historic window openings, it was decided in order to maintain the use of the building, an additional door is needed.

The DRC members felt that by utilizing the last window, the facade will maintain a balanced appearance. The contractor was advised to submit revised drawings and define paint colors, materials, and to provide the manufacturer's door specifications. The committee members also requested that the contractor revise the currently existing door on the Wolfe Street facade to match the new door and comply with historic guidelines.

Both doors will be four panel wood doors, to be placed in the original openings (neither opening will be widened). The window opening that will be modified will retain the original width, but extend down to the same level as the other door opening. The owner will install granite steps to match the other door opening in size and style.

Decision: Resubmit

7:20 pm 2018 Eastern Ave.

This is a three story brick Greek Revival townhouse.

The owner will be repainting the facade. The owner plans to replace the windows, doors, window surrounds, etc. The owner will use Crown Lumber to make the wood windows - 6 over 6 wood window, with Baltimore bullnose surround.

Windows - 6 over 6 wood made by Crown Lumber
Window Surround - wood Baltimore bullnose
Sills - cast stone, cast concrete or wood are acceptable
Door - 6 panel wood
Brick paint - Benjamin Moore Alexandria beige
Door and windows - Benjamin Moore Middlebury brown

Decision: Approved

7:40 pm 715 S. Broadway Triangle Signs

This recently renovated property has been leased to Goodwill. The signmaker, Triangle signs, presented proposals for 3 signs on the interior of the glass transom windows. The window signs meet the criteria of 10% or less of the total window space, and are acceptable to the committee.

Also proposed is a blade sign with the Goodwill logo with small spot lights mounted on the sign for illumination. The committee found the logo and sign size acceptable, but requested that the signmaker redesign the sign bracket.

Decision: Approved: glass transom signs
Resubmit: blade sign bracket