

Design Review Committee
February 14, 2008
808 S. Ann Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

Attendees: Jerome Bird, Romaine Somerville, John Thompson, Adam Caballo, Josh Phillips, Andrea Drake. Also in attendance was secretary Denise Whitman.

Executive Session

John Thompson and Andrea Drake reported on the Historic Councils meeting which they attending concerning the draft CHAP Guidelines being developed by John Milner and Associates. The DRC members indicated that the discussion centered on “big picture” issues and as not directly relevant to neighborhood issues. It was decided that DRC needs to develop specific guidelines based on our practice that should be reviewed and approved by CHAP.

Regular Session

6:15 pm 1623 Shakespeare St. Danny Robinson

This is a revisit for this property. DRC advised the owners to check with Baltimore City Minor Privileges for the basement door. The owners might have to pay a yearly fee, depending on how the door is constructed. The Robinson’s were advised to contact Ms. Martha Grande in the Wolman Building, who handles minor privilege permits. The owners will return for approval of this feature.

Approval was given for Marvin 2 over 2 wood, simulated true divided light windows and a four panel wood door

The rear of the building is not visible from any public access way. The current plans of the owners are to rehab the rear of the building, but not change any dimensions of the current additions.

Decision: Approved

6:35 pm 508 S. Broadway Barbara Apollonaria

This is a revisit for this property for which the owner is applying for a FIG grant. At its last meeting, DRC recommended that the new cornice, over the first floor roll down storefront security gate, be lowered so that it would cover the housing more effectively. The architect was reluctant to do this as access to the mechanism of the gate was a primary issue. DRC accepted this argument.

Further discussion ensued about the first floor roll down store front security gate. The owner wants to retain the existing security gates and modify/shorten one gate so that it no longer covers a door on the left side of the street façade. The cornice will remain the same as is drawn. The wood entrance door, with enhanced hardware, will remain the same.

Paint colors:
hc 148 - Jamestown blue
hc 41 - Acadia white

Decision: Plans need to be restated to show *modified* roll down security gate. Once this change is effected, the plans will be approved.