

**ABBREVIATED MINUTES**  
**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**  
June 1, 2010

The City of Bradenton Architectural Review Board met in regular session on June 1, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Architectural Review Board members present:**

Chairman Eugene Bay, Darin Autrey, J.B. Taylor, David Kocher, Darrell Turner and Tom McCollum (2:33 P.M.)

**Absent:**

None

**Staff members present:**

Tim Polk, Volker Reiss, Bill Whitelock, Tom Cookingham and Mike Kennedy

**PRELIMINARIES**

1. Meeting called to order and roll call taken by Chairman Bay.
2. Mr. Kocher moved to accept the March 2, 2010 minutes. Second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**WITNESSES SWORN IN:**

John T. DeLesline and Mike Kennedy

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CA.10.0024**

Request of John T. DeLesline, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior renovations to the façade at 424-440 12<sup>th</sup> Street West / Bradenton, Florida 34205. (Zoned C-1/UCBD)

Member Taylor abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Chairman Bay read the request.

**Staff comments:**

Volker Reiss stated that there are several legally different addresses for this property but for the Certificate of Appropriateness the City is combining these into one address for this project.

**Presentation by applicant:**

Mr. John T. DeLesline approached the Board; he stated that at the beginning of 2010, Mr. DeLesline and Mike Kennedy applied for a grant for some exterior renovations. The Architectural Review Board approved back in 2002 to change other improvements, some canopies, stucco and new façade. He is coming back to the Architectural Review Board to get these renovations approved.

Mr. DeLesline explained the proposed renovations, repainting, re-stuccoing portions of the building, new windows and canopies upstairs and a big canopy on the front and side, also installing a stucco cornice at the top. At 360 (Fisherman Joes) they are doing the same thing as 440. At 430 and 428 (Robin's café and the legal aid office) installing a new storefront, installing lathe and stucco over the existing façade, installing louvers upstairs, installing stucco bands and repainting. At 424 (The Blue Parrot) installing stucco above the windows and at the very top of the parapet and installing an awning along the front of the building.

Mr. DeLesline presented some aluminum samples for the storefront, which matches the storefront of 424. Also showed a sketch of the aluminum canopy. He stated that the colors are one of the approved colors for the City of Bradenton.

**Staff Recommendations:**

Mr. Volker Reiss stated that the project site consists of two structures, the first is the Bradenton Publishing Company building constructed in 1910. It is now the B-town and Fisherman Joes. In the 1920's the building housed offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company and various other commercial establishments. The second structure is the Baer Clifton building, which is now the legal aid office and the Blue Parrot. The second structure consisted of two separate buildings, which was later combined. The south structure was constructed in 1909 and housed a plumbing supply store in 1912. The north structure, the two-story building, was than constructed. Later the two structures were fused together by a third building. In the early twentieth century, many changes were made which destroyed the original character of the building.

Mr. Reiss stated that staff recommends the approval of the project without any stipulations.

**Questions and Concerns:**

Mr. Kocher asked, what is going to happen with the alleyway? He asked about the cast iron pipes coming out of the brick wall in the alleyway?

Mr. Reiss stated that staff did look at the alleyway and they felt that the existing windows and shutters are sufficient the way they are. Mr. Reiss said the shutters are new and are in good condition, he thought they were installed about two years ago and they are painted black. He also stated that the cast iron pipes, that are obsolete, would be addressed and the cast iron pipes that are being used will be painted.

Mr. Tim Polk, Director of Planning and Community Development stated that he, Mr. Reiss and Mr. Kennedy went and looked at the alleyway. Mr. Polk said that the shutters looked good and that they did not distract from a pedestrian walking through the alleyway.

Mr. Taylor stated that his office was originally hired to do the initial design for the DDA for this building. They thought that the façade of the front of the building had been redone in the 1920's or 1930's, but the back of the building was still intact. They thought it was better to leave the alleyway the way it is which adds character to the building.

**Public comments:**

Mr. Kennedy addressed the board: Mr. Kennedy asked the board to support the application for this project.

**Actions**

Member Kocher made the motion to approve case # CA.10.0024, the request of John T. DeLesline, for a Certificate of Appropriateness, for exterior renovations to the façade at 424-440 12<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205. Second by Member McCollum. Motion carried 4-0 with Member Taylor abstaining.

**STAFF/BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Reiss welcomed Mr. Darrell Turner to the Architectural Review Board.

Mr. Darrell Turner stated he was happy about the current project, which should add to the appearance of downtown. He congratulated Mr. DeLesline on his investment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member McCollum made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by member Kocher. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

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**Gene Bay, Chairman**

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