

**Architectural Review Board
February 8, 2017 3:30 PM
MINUTES**

MEMBERS: Georgene Brazer, Courtney Ainsworth, Shannon Baughman,

STAFF: Scott Allison, Randy Dykes, Amanda Styer

GUEST: John Binder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval/Disapproval of the meeting minutes from the January 25, 2017 ARB meeting. Courtney Ainsworth made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2017 ARB meeting; motion seconded by Shannon Baughman and carried by all.

SIGN REVIEW:

1. Fairways at Ways Station- Review of the project entrance sign to be located on Sterling Links Way.

Assistant City Manager Scott Allison explained John Binder is the developer and he obtained sign approval January 5, 2016 for project entrance signs for pods N, O, & P that would be consistent with others in Richmond Hill Plantation which is a brick wall with black text. Mr. Allison explained that in November 2016 the Planning & Zoning Department received application from the sign company for signage that was different than what was approved by council. Mr. Allison explained at that time he called Mr. Binder to explain what was approved by council and Mr. Binder stated he would be in contact with the sign company.

Courtney Ainsworth stated he did not approve of the sign simply because it is not consistent with the other signs in the development.

Mr. Allison explained the length of the brick wall was not specified in the approval, only the material continuity.

Mr. Binder explained from a cost standpoint this proposed sign is a better choice for D.R. Horton and also they wanted something different to help them stand out and have some character.

Mr. Binder explained D.R. Horton has used this style of signage for one of their projects in Hinesville and it is a nice looking sign.

Mr. Allison asked if there was any discussion to use a brick monument sign with a different font and Mr. Binder replied that he did mention that idea but the applicant did not want to do that. He explained they understand keeping with a theme, but also want to be unique.

Mr. Allison asked the ARB if they had any suggestions to help the applicant stand out, but keep with the theme. He suggested allowing them to have a different sign face such as sandblasted. He added to keep cost down they could possibly remove the wing walls as the length of the brick wall was never stipulated.

John Binder explained if the proposed sign is not approved by council he would like direction on what they would like instead. He added they could probably do brick monuments on the corners of the entrance.

Mr. Allison suggested tabling the request so the applicant can come back with a sign more similar to the others in this development.

Courtney Ainsworth made a motion to table the request for approval of the project entrance sign for Fairways at Ways Station; motion seconded by Commissioner Baughman and carried by all.

2. Piecefield- Review of the project entrance sign to be located at Piercefield Drive and Highway 17.

Mr. Allison explained the previous sign was hit by a driver and there is no HOA to replace the sign and it is located in the city right-of-way, therefore, the city is responsible for replacing the sign.

Assistant Planning & Zoning Director Randy Dykes explained the sign will be a hybrid monument using Savannah Grey brick with an ivory mortar with a grapevine joint. He added the sign face will be HDU sandblasted look and will be burgundy with white text like the previous sign.

Shannon Baughman asked what size the sign face will be and if there will be trim around the name and Mr. Dykes replied the sign face will be sized to fit the 6x10 sign structure and yes there will be a white trim around the text.

Courtney Ainsworth made a motion to recommend approval of the project entrance sign to be located at Piercefield Drive and Highway 17; motion seconded by Shannon Baughman and carried by all.

Meeting closed at 4:30 pm.

Respectively submitted by,

Amanda Styer
Zoning Administrator