

Historic Yorktown Design Committee

Summary of Activities

2015

During calendar year 2015, the Historic Yorktown Design Committee met three (3) times and considered a total of two (2) applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. These cases involved front yard fences for existing residences; one on Church Street and the other in Chischiak Watch. We are very pleased with the products of our deliberations on these cases and believe they demonstrate the successful meshing of an owner's desires, the guidance embodied in the Yorktown Design Guidelines, and the participatory process that our Committee employs in reaching our decisions. As we review and process various applications coming before the HYDC we strive to balance the interests of owners in maintaining and improving their properties with the overarching goal of preserving and enhancing the architectural integrity and appearance of Yorktown. We sincerely hope that the Board and the citizens consider our efforts to have been successful.

While only two (2) property improvement proposals necessitated formal Committee review and action, another three (3) were eligible for review and action/approval by the Zoning Administrator. These administrative-action improvements included replacing existing siding, a rear yard fence and the installation of a stair railing, all of which were deemed to be minor or inconspicuous changes. The attached chart contains a full listing of all the applications processed during calendar year 2015, both Committee-approved and administratively approved.

The members of the HYDC who served during calendar year 2015 – Mr. William Cole, Mr. Robert Andrade, and I – appreciated the opportunity to serve in the capacity entrusted to us by the Board of Supervisors. We also appreciate the service provided by Ms. Carolyn Weekley, Alternate Member, and her willingness to stay abreast of the proceedings of the HYDC so as to participate when needed. We are, in addition, extremely appreciative of the ongoing support of County staff.

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish to thank the Board of Supervisors for entrusting us with the responsibility to implement and administer the Historic Yorktown Design Guidelines. We also thank the property owners in Yorktown for their commitment to and acceptance of the design guidelines and review process as integral and important components of our collective efforts to protect and preserve the character of our special village.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David R. Douglas', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David R. Douglas
Chairman

Attachment: 2015 Case Log

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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	REQUEST/COMMENTS/CONDITIONS	ACTION	DATE
109-15	Tom Nelson	220 Church Street	Replace existing siding	Approved*	1/22/2015
110-15	Albert Raithel	114 Church Street	Front yard fence	Approved	7/15/2015
111-15	Marion Clayton	115 Smith Street	Rear yard fence	Approved*	7/8/2015
112-15	Leon King	115 Chischiak Watch	Front yard fence	Approved	9/16/15
113-15	Conway Shields	600 Main Street	Stair railing	Approved*	10/27/15

* Indicates Administrative Review/Approval