

CITY OF GREENWOOD  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 20, 2006  
Municipal Building 520 Main Street, Room 230

Present: *Board Members* – Joe Prothro, Anne Norton, Willie Lee, Clementine Bryant, Glenda Edwards  
*Staff* –Charlie Barrineau (Assistant City Manager), and Phil Lindler (Planning Director), and Chris Hudson (Planner)

Absent: *Board Members* - Robert McClinton and Welborn Adams

The meeting was called to order. Board Member Anne Norton, who was unable to attend the first BAR meeting held in November, introduced herself to the Board.

Phil Lindler asked if any Board members wished to become the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board. Phil noted that the Chair leads the meetings, while the Vice-Chair leads the meeting in the absence of the Chair. Joe Prothro, seconded by Anne Norton, made a motion to appoint Welborn Adams Chair. The motion carried. Anne Norton, seconded by Clementine Bryant, made a motion to appoint Joe Prothro as Vice Chair. The motion carried. Phil noted that he would have a draft of the Board's by-laws at the January 2007 meeting.

Phil distributed copies of a proposed 2007 meeting schedule. The Board agreed to continue meeting the third Wednesday of the month at noon.

Phil informed the committee that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the proposed Emerald Triangle Architectural Overlay District for Uptown Greenwood. Charlie Barrineau noted that City Council had also taken first reading of an ordinance to adopt the overlay guidelines at their meeting held December 18. Phil explained that there were four items in the proposed overlay guidelines that may require additional discussion by the Board. He explained that the Planning Commission recommended removal of the language regarding the placement of balconies at a height twelve feet above a sidewalk. Staff recommends maintaining the language as written. The language was intended to allow a pedestrian to walk under a balcony without an obstruction. The second item is murals. As presently written, the overlay language does not allow murals. Staff recommends maintaining the language as written. The third item is building height. The present language allows for a building height up to 250, which is over 20 stories. A property owner within the Emerald Triangle has expressed that this maybe too high. Staff recommends amending the language to 75 feet (approximately 6 stories). Finally, the present color language for building paint is vague. Staff presented to the Board color language samples from Laurens, Newberry, Greenville, and Anderson. The Board agreed the intent of the overlay and the current renovations was to preserve the historic and nature look of the facades. Therefore, murals should not be a part of the overlay guidelines. The Board also agreed to include the paint color language similar to that used by Greenville and Anderson. The Board also agreed to maintain the language for balconies as written and to amend the building height to 75 feet. Joe Prothro, second by Anne Norton, made a motion to recommend approval to City Council of the Emerald Triangle Overlay with the requested amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.