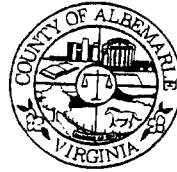


Rebecca



COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE  
Department of Community Development  
401 McIntire Road, North Wing  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902-4596

Phone (434) 296-5832

Fax (434) 972-4012

April 24, 2007

Bill Atwood  
Atwood Architects  
215 5<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Suite 100  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

**RE: Crozet Station – Work Session**

Dear Mr. Atwood:

The Albemarle County Architectural Review Board, at its meeting on April 2, 2007, held a work session to review the preliminary proposal on Crozet Station to redevelop parcels on Route 240, east of Route 810 in Crozet. The ARB had the following comments for the applicant's benefit prior to submitting formal applications to the County:

- The ARB preferred the two-story scheme over the three-story buildings.
- The amount of white shown on the first scheme (with red brick) was not objectionable.
- The scheme needs to retain the mountain view.
- The red brick was preferred over the second scheme that showed primarily tan structures.
- While joined buildings could be agreeable, the proposed massing would be more appropriate on the east end of the lot (toward Charlottesville), with shorter buildings on the west end to preserve the expansive view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- The opening to the rear in the second (tan) scheme was helpful in breaking down the scale of the buildings. There was discussion that the passage(s) could be roofed over with the introduction of terraces on the second floor.
- The continuous ridgeline linking all of the buildings creates too big of a mass.
- Showing the entire site development is important to understand grades, relative heights of proposed buildings, and overall integration of the site.
- The development should appear balanced, but symmetry is not a necessity.
- Avoid the theme park look.
- The sign band area should be considered and planned as an integral element in the overall design, in proportion and scale with the building.

You may submit your application for continued ARB review at your earliest convenience. Application forms, checklists and schedules are available on-line at [www.albemarle.org/planning](http://www.albemarle.org/planning).

Revised drawings addressing the comments listed above are required. Include updated ARB revision dates on each drawing. Please provide a memo including detailed responses indicating how each comment has been addressed. If changes other than those requested have been made, identify those changes in the memo also. Highlighting the changes in the drawing with "clouding" or by other means will facilitate review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Margaret Maliszewski  
Principal Planner

MMM/aer

Cc: Rebecca Ragsdale  
File