

# ARCOM Commission

## Report of Activities for 2017 Calendar Year

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ARCOM currently has 10 members (7 regular members & 3 alternates):

- Two members are licensed architects
  - Robert Garrison
  - Nikita Zukov
- One member is a master gardener
  - John David Corey, obtaining classes to become a master gardener

Attendance by commissioners:

- An average of 95% attendance for all meetings during the year; there were a total of 6 absences by commissioners (2 excused, 4 unexcused).

Applications reviewed:

- 105 new Major Items submitted in 2017 (a 31% increase from the previous year) – four were denied, and seven were withdrawn by the applicant.
- 51 new Minor Items submitted in 2017 (a 12% decrease from the previous year) – one was denied, and seven were withdrawn by the applicant.
- 125 Deferrals occurred over the course of the year, many of which were requested by the applicant (a 30% increase from the previous year).
- 35 new homes were reviewed by ARCOM in 2017 (two less than the previous year), of which 22 were approved, two were denied, three were withdrawn and eight were deferred into 2018.
- ARCOM reviewed 37 “Combination Projects” in 2017 (a 54% increase from the previous year) where they made recommendations to Town Council regarding variances needed for the projects.

On behalf of the Commission, staff conducted 406 approvals of minor projects and revisions, which was a slight decrease (5%) from 2016, but still greater than previous years.

Additional projects & accomplishments:

- ARCOM reviewed the submittal deadlines for revisions, and had staff include more details in the agendas for the variances involved with combination projects.
- ARCOM completed its review of a new Town recreation center facility.
- ARCOM continued to review several various types of architecture (including modern/contemporary) over the course of the year, and had to determine if the various styles were too similar or too dissimilar with the surrounding neighborhood in each review. It was a difficult task and one the Commission and the Town will continue to face in

upcoming years, especially given the ever-increasing popularity of the modern/contemporary architecture.

Commissioners remain enthusiastic and engaged in their volunteer service to the Town, and look forward to the continued work of ensuring the high quality of development and redevelopment within the Town.