

ARCOM Commission

Report of Activities for 2019 Calendar Year

In 2019, the Architectural Review Commission was comprised of 10 members (7 regular members & 3 alternates):

- Two regular members who are licensed architects
 - Robert Garrison
 - Nikita Zukov
- One member is a certified master gardener
 - John David Corey

Attendance by commissioners:

- An average of 92% attendance for all meetings during the year; there were a total of 10 absences by commissioners (2 excused, 8 unexcused).

Applications reviewed:

- 72 new major items submitted in 2019 (a 44% decrease from the previous year) – there were no denials and five were withdrawn by the applicant.
- 28 new minor items submitted in 2019 (a 50% decrease from the previous year) – two were denied, one was withdrawn by staff and two were withdrawn by the applicant.
- 58 deferrals or partial deferrals occurred over the course of the year, many of which were requested by the applicant (a 50% decrease from the previous year). The number of deferrals decreased, which staff believes may be due to the decrease of items submitted.
- 28 new homes were reviewed by ARCOM in 2019 (a 47% decrease from the previous year), of which 27 were approved, and one was deferred into 2020.
- ARCOM reviewed 21 “combination projects” in 2019 where they made recommendations to Town Council regarding variances needed for the projects.

On behalf of the Commission, staff conducted 511 approvals of minor projects and revisions, which was an increase of 11% from 2018.

Additional projects & accomplishments:

- Among the more notable reviews conducted by ARCOM, the Commission reviewed the plans for the new Town Docks, the renovation of 223 Sunset Ave. for the relocation of Trevini’s Restaurant and the renovation of the second and third story of the Tiffany building to a private residence.
- ARCOM reviewed and made recommendations to Town Staff on the locations and aesthetic shielding of the Comcast WIFI equipment in Town in coordination with the Town’s Undergrounding effort.

- Some of the discussions that the Commission participated dealt with perimeter landscaping and screening during demolitions as well as Zoning Code Reform.
- ARCOM toured the town to view FEMA issues.
- ARCOM participated in Historic District Symposium.
- Continued with the completion of ethics training for new and older members as mandated by the Town and County.

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.