

Board of Architectural Review draft minutes
Green Hedges School

The Board of Architectural Review met for a work session in Town Hall, 127 Center St S. Vienna, Virginia, on Wednesday June 3, 2026, at 8:00AM.

The following members were present: Ms. Hanley, Ms. Couchman, Ms. Shelly, Mr. Penati, and Mr. O'Keefe.

Staff present: David Levy, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Sharmaine Abaied, Planner.

Applicants present: Sara Mariska of Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P.C., Mike Huber of The Stone House Group, and Jessica Wadlow Green Hedges Board of Trustees Chair.

The applicant had requested a work session with the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) to discuss a proposal for the installation of approximately 660 linear feet of sound isolation/acoustic material to be attached to fencing located around the playground and athletic field areas, encompassing a portion of the left side yard and majority of the rear yard.

The applicant had provided a presentation related to the proposed acoustic material, fencing, and the locations of said materials. During the work session the Board discussed with the applicants their concerns about the aesthetics of the acoustic material, as well as the potential issues of application of the material on wood fencing. The Board had the following comments / recommendations for the applicant:

- Inquire with sound engineer the level of sound mitigation of a wood fence with and without the acoustic membrane.
- If there is a difference does it warrant the use of the acoustic membrane?
- Would the acoustic membrane trap moisture between the acoustic membrane and the wood fence causing the fence to deteriorate at rapid pace?
- Is there an installation method for the acoustic membrane on the wood fence that would allow for air flow to dry the fence (clips, chain link, etc.)?
- What portions of the fence are able to be viewed from the right of way? Adding acoustic membrane to a new or existing wood fence will need BAR approval regardless of visibility from the right of way by residents, but it may help the Board members with their decision.
- Provide the following with the submittal to the BAR's regular meeting:
 - site plan that shows where the acoustic fence would start and stop.
 - identify the types of fences (chain link or wood), which are existing, and which are proposed to be constructed
 - a rendering that will show what it looks like when constructed without landscaping as that will come to the Board at a future meeting.
 - photos or renderings showing what is visible from the street / right of way.

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