

CITY OF KENT
SPECIAL MEETING
ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

MEMBERS:

Howard Boyle
Allan Orashan
Kevin Koogle
Bill Willoughby

STAFF:

Bridgett Susel, Community Development Director
Heather Phile, Development Planner
Jennifer Barone, Development Engineer
Eric Fink, Assistant Law Director
Jamella Hadden, Administrative Assistant

OTHER:

Mayor Jerry Fiala
Gene Roberts, Service Director
Chief Michelle Lee (Police)
Melissa Long, Council-at-Large

I. Call to Order

The recessed meeting from February 2, 2016 was reopened by Chair Boyle at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Orashan, Mr. Koogle, Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Boyle were present.

III. Administration of Oath

Mr. Fink instructed those members of the audience wishing to be heard on any of the cases presented at this meeting to rise and raise their right hand. He administered the Oath: "Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give at this is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Please say "I do." The participants responded, "I do."

IV. Project Review

- A. ARB16-003 CITY OF KENT / DS ARCHITECTS
200 East College Avenue
Southeast Corner of Haymaker Parkway & South
Depeyster Street

The applicant is requesting review of the proposed new police station building
and comprehensive sign plan.

Mr. Jeffrey Meyers representing DS Architects made the presentation. He reviewed the outstanding issues and comments from the last meeting. The windows and kalwall panels were recessed to support the walls. They were changed from vertical to a more traditional design. The window design in the casement is minimized so that it does not look like a jail. The design prevents persons from attempting to slide in or out of the windows. The entire building meets LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Silver Building) design for functional

requirements and safety. Masonry, face brick and terra cotta facade will be the main materials of the building.

The text on the signage is pushed off the edges. The signs will match the building architecture. The blade sign will be painted to match the color of the panel.

The sidewalk along College Street was modified to make it more welcoming to pedestrians walking towards the American flag. It will drop into the public plaza and be framed in by landscaping.

The colors and textures of the material is a suitable replacement to actual terra cotta which is too expensive. The metals are 'R' value and contribute to the LEED points. Mr. Meyers requested to keep the terra cotta color for the panels. He displayed a few other color samples.

There are two entrances to the station, one from the public parking area and one coming from downtown. The entrances will be connected by the public plaza.

Mr. Orashan stated that he does not like the solutions to the issues of the building design. The signs are off balance. Sign A & B should be similar in shape. The blade sign should be a solid panel. It was his opinion that the sign does not look good at the edge of the wall. It is clunky and off balance. If the blade sign is eliminated, use the panel for "Kent Police". The window wall does not relate with the building. He said the building looks like boxes protruding from other boxes. It was his opinion that none of these elements work together in form or color. The Haymaker Parkway elevation seems out of proportion. He suggested "Kent Police and Protect and Serve" should be together on the wing wall. He suggested reducing the size of the base from four panels to three panels.

Mr. Koogler stated the forms do not go with the downtown buildings; the Haymaker Parkway elevation looks like it is a "magic trick". It is not supported. He is okay with the Depeyster elevation. It is his opinion that there is a clash of styles. He liked the new west elevation. He liked the revised kalwall design better. Mr. Koogler suggested another leg coming down for visual support. It was his opinion that the blade sign may not be needed.

Mr. Meyers stated that the metal is transitioning from downtown and picks up the colors from downtown.

Mr. Willoughby stated that he feels the windows should be centered and balanced on the corner facing Depeyster Street. The facade and kalwall design is better. He liked the revised elevations. He stated that design does a good job of having a traditional building design and a design for the future. He expressed concern for the building materials and the durability, but recognized that every material will have positives and negatives.

Mr. Boyle suggested gray perforated letters on the terra cotta panel for a better visual appearance on the blade sign.

There was continued discussion about the sign designs adjustments, reducing the masonry base from 16' to 14', omit the bottom panel, blade sign placement and colors, placement of lettering on wing wall. It was agreed to keep the blade sign, but make it more subtle, place 'Protect and Serve' on wing wall with "Kent Police" The letters will be perforated thru the terra cotta. All three sides will be the same color.

Mr. Willoughby summarized the items with the Board members prior to the motion.

MOTION: *Mr. Willoughby moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for ARB16-003/City of Kent (DS Architects) for the new Kent City Police Station and Comprehensive Sign Plan with conditions. Mr. Koogle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-1 (Mr. Orashan dissenting).*

- 1) Revision to Monument Signs:
 - Reduce width of base from 16 feet to 14 feet.
 - Reduce terra cotta panels from 4 panels to 3 panels from the bottom.
 - Both monument signs are to be the same as the one depicted on page SG01.
- 2) Blade Sign:
 - Use terra cotta colored perforated panel instead of grey. Terra cotta colored panel will incorporate words "Kent Police" into the perforation rather than use raised/attached letters.
- 3) Facade on Southwest Elevation:
 - Balance the spacing between the wall (brick column effect) columns and glazed Kalwall openings.
 - Continue to study further the west corner of the building to make sure that this portion of the building has a visual base that balances the plaza opening so it appears to be supported.
- 4) Facade on Northwest Elevation:
 - Balance the spacing between wall and windows on Haymaker; continue rhythm of terra cotta panels from east to west.
- 5) Cantilever Area:
 - Study brick cantilever section on the Depeyster side to ensure it has balanced spacing between the wall and the windows from east to west.

Recommendation to add words "Kent Police" to wing wall along with "Protect and Serve".

V. Other Business
None

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Orashan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Koogle seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm