

**CITY OF KENT
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
APRIL 19, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Howard Boyle
Allan Orashan
Bill Willoughby**

ABSENT: **Kevin Koogle**

STAFF PRESENT: **Jennifer Barone, Development Engineer
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
Heather Phile, Development Planner
Eric Fink, Assistant Law Director**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:27 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Howard Boyle, Allan Orashan, Bill Willoughby

III. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mr. Fink instructed members of the audience wishing to be heard on any of the cases presented at this meeting to rise and raise their right hand. Mr. Fink administered the oath, "Do you swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give this evening 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. ARB16-009 UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH
 (DS ARCHITECTURE)
 228 Gougler Avenue**

Doug Fuller (136 North Water Street, Kent, Oh) stated he was from DS Architects located in Kent. He reviewed the site plan. He said the Universalist Unitarian Church wants to build a Fellowship Hall on the adjacent property they have purchased. It will be built to the west of and behind the existing church. The proposed addition will be 5,800 square feet addition that can accommodate 224 people and will include a 600 square foot kitchen, two classrooms, a library, and restrooms. He said they will be using masonry and traditional materials.

He said the new addition will be traditional and not in conflict with the history or the look of the existing buildings along the street. It will be a wood construction with a brick perimeter about three feet high and then going to a clapboard look above that. He said their engineers are designing the building so that there will be energy savings.

A question was asked how far the structure is from Mantua Street.

Mr. Fuller answer it is 55 feet from the front. It has 25 feet of landscaping. There is a small kitchen where the entrances are.

It is actually 50.4 feet.

Mr. Fuller showed the layout of the church on the plans. He said the building was simple itself. He showed the east elevation on the plan to show the look of the building. They would use more traditional materials with the exception of the gathering of the windows with brick and gray vinyl siding. They would use LEDs.

Mr. Willoughby said the side facing the church was acceptable. He was concerned about the west elevation. That is the façade along Mantua. It looks like the back of the building with some kind of dumpster. He asked if there was a way to put any windows on that side.

Mr. Fuller replied there may be a possibility to put some windows in.

Mr. Willoughby wanted to know if the classroom would benefit with more windows for more of a relief. He stated the vinyl is a compromise. He stated there was probably a more suitable material. He stated that the congregation as green friendly as they are, that vinyl was a surprise.

Mr. Fuller stated that vinyl is an alternate material.

Mr. Willoughby reconfirmed the structure was wood going to brick.

Mr. Orashan concurred with Mr. Willoughby's statements.

There were no other comments or questions. The chair called for a motion.

MOTION: **Mr. Willoughby moved to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, with the following recommendations:**

- 1) The congregation is to consider other material than vinyl.
- 2) Consider adding a window on the west elevation in the classroom.

Mr. Orashan seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 – 0.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: *Mr. Orashan moved to adjourn. Mr. Willoughby seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 – 0.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.