

**CITY OF KENT
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
November 6, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Kevin Koogle
Dennis Saxe
Steve Balazs**

STAFF PRESENT: **Heather Heckman, Development Planner
Jennifer Barone, Development Engineer
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director
Eric Fink, Assistant Law Director
Kim Brown, Administrative Assistant**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fink at 4:14 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Dennis Saxe, Steve Balazs, and Kevin Koogle were present. Howard Boyle and David Basista were absent.

MOTION: *Mr. Saxe moved to excuse Mr. Boyle and Mr. Basista. Mr. Koogle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.*

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. ARB18-014 FAIRMOUNT PROPERTIES
 227 FRANKLIN AVENUE**

The applicant is requesting review of the proposed new building changes.

Brice Hamill, Fairmount Properties, presented the proposed color changes. He describes the brick as being more brown than the red, as was previously approved. The cement fiber board at the top will be a lighter taupe color. The black louver system would not change. He feels that the new colors will be better at expressing the architectural features.

Mr. Koogle stated that he prefers the red brick. He feels that it is a sharper looking building and fits in better with the historic red brick.

Mr. Balazs agrees with Mr. Koogle and would like to keep the red brick. He feels that the darker colors are very striking. He added that the proposed brick color would monetize the look of the downtown.

Mr. Saxe also agrees that the red brick is better for that area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Adam Fishman, Dimit Architects, stated that they were looking to make this building an architectural pivot point between the existing College Town Kent buildings and Franklin Avenue. He feels that the proposed colors provide a transition from the existing buildings to the proposed building. He added that they like the approved colors. They were just trying to create that connection.

Mr. Fink stated that because there are only three members present, the applicant has the right to ask that the case be tabled until another meeting, withdraw, or go forward.

The applicants asked that the case be tabled to the next meeting to give them time to revisit their proposal.

**B. ARB18-017 DS ARCHITECTS / HOMETOWN BANK
136-150 N. WATER STREET & 203 N. WATER STREET**

The applicant is requesting review of the proposed Comprehensive Sign Plan

Dave Sommers, DS Architecture, presented the project. He stated that this is a modification of previously approved COA for the signs in 2012; ATM sign, sign on addition, removal of previous “Anthony’s” sign and modify the drive-thru building signs. The drive-thru bank will have blue individual letters with external lighting. They would like to incorporate the Hometown bank logo on the ATM sign if they are contractually permitted, otherwise it will remain the same. The current internally lit wall mounted sign on the east side is to change to externally lit stud mounted individual letters. The same would be mounted on the south side of the building. The green and gold signs will remain.

Mr. Koogler stated that he has no opposition to the presented project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION: *Mr. Koogler moved to approve the Conditional Certificate of Appropriateness for the Comprehensive Sign Plan as presented and described in Attachment #1. Mr. Balazs seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.*

V. MEETING SUMMARIES

A. October 2, 2018

MOTION: *Mr. Koogle moved to approve the October 2, 2018 Meeting Summary as presented. Mr. Balazs seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Mr. Koogle moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.