

**CITY OF KENT
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
May 7, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Howard Boyle
David Basista
Dennis Saxe**

STAFF PRESENT: **Eric Fink, Assistant Law Director
Heather Heckman, Development Planner
Kim Brown, Administrative Assistant**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boyle at 4:12 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

MOTION: *Mr. Basista moved to excuse Mr. Koogle, who emailed in advance, from the May 7, 2019 meeting. Mr. Saxe 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. ARB19-004 **EACH + EVERY
Various Locations Downtown****

The applicant is requesting a courtesy review of the proposed travelling stanza project around the Cuyahoga River.

Alex Catanese, Each + Every, stated that as a result of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, there will be four sign installations at various locations. They are currently working with Quick Weld for the steel frames that will have interchangeable banners and an LED light with a solar panel. Mr. Catanese explained that this is a collaboration between Wick Poetry Center and the City of Kent. The signs will contain information about the various landmarks where they are located and also try to inspire people to contribute to the community poem. The plan is to install them in early June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the last time the Cuyahoga caught fire and they would remain up for at least a year. After that time, they would be used for other public art or poetry installations.

Mr. Boyle asked if the frames would be powder-coated.

Mr. Catanese stated that they are waiting to hear from Quick Weld but would assume that it will be black powder-coated.

The Board agreed that the frames should be corrosion resistant.

Mr. Saxe suggested that they ensure the locations do not block line of sight for traffic.

Mr. Catanese stated that Mr. Bowling, City of Kent, Engineer, and others have been working with this.

Mr. Boyle suggested making multiple copies of the banners due to the materials and possible vandalism.

Mr. Basista suggested ensuring they have adequate light available for the solar lights in each location.

**B. ARB19-005 KENT BARBELL CLUB
108 West College Street**

The applicant is requesting review of the proposed new signage.

Toni Tokie, Owner, presented the proposed new signage. She stated that they have two signs for which they would like to replace the face pans. They will be the same size and use the same lights; they are only changing the faces.

Mr. Boyle asked if they are keeping the window sign.

Ms. Tokie stated that that is a temporary sign.

Mr. Boyle stated that this is an existing sign with a simple change.

Mr. Basista asked if they have evening hours.

Ms. Tokie stated that they are open 24/7, 365 days.

Ms. Heckman stated that internal sign lighting is approved in the code.

Mr. Boyle stated that if the entire building were being changed, they might feel differently about the proposed sign.

The Board agreed.

Mr. Saxe stated that it will look better than the yellow sign that is there now.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION: *In case ARB19-005, Kent Barbell Club, 108 W. College St., Mr. Basista moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented.*

Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

V. MEETING SUMMARIES

A. April 2, 2019

MOTION: *Mr. Saxe moved to approve the April 2, 2019 Meeting Summary, as presented. Mr. Basista seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.