

**CITY OF KENT  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
September 3, 2019**

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

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

**I.     CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boyle at 4:00 p.m.

**II.    ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION:**     *Mr. Basista moved to excuse Steve Balazs from the September 3, 2019 meeting. Mr. Koogle seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*

**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.     ARB19-010   CITY OF KENT  
RIVERWALK TRAIL SIGNS**

**The applicant is requesting a review of the proposed signage for the park entrances.**

Rhonda Boyd, Senior Engineer for the City of Kent, reviewed the project with the Board noting that there are two entrances where the signs would be placed: north side of the Main Street Bridge on the west side of the river, and on Gougler Street just south of 315 Gougler. She explained that the documents presented in the Board's packets give the accurate dimensions of the signs. She stated that the top portion of the sign is black powder coated cut metal, with the water in the middle section colored in blue, and the lower portion of the sign with the text will possibly be wood.

Mr. Boyle asked when the project would take place.

Ms. Boyd stated that the funding is two years out but there may be the potential for moving the date up.

Ms. Susel asked if the sign is located on City owned property.

Ms. Boyd responded that it is City owned property.

Mr. Fink clarified that because it is City owned property, a Certificate of Appropriateness is not required.

Mr. Boyle stated that he feels they did a beautiful job and he loves the sign as it tells a nice story.

Mr. Saxe asked about the finish on the columns as he is concerned about maintenance.

Ms. Boyd stated that the H-beams will be black powder coat.

Mr. Basista asked about the colors of the sign on the artist's rendition.

Ms. Boyd stated that they will use the colors depicted in the artwork but they are still working out the details. She stated that the lower part of the sign will be wood with the text burned into it. She explained that they haven't started discussing design and costs with a sign maker yet, so some of the details could change.

Mr. Basista stated that he likes the design and feels that it will be a nice improvement.

Mr. Koogler stated that the top part of the sign tells a neat story but feels that it would be better if it could be simpler. He stated that he would like to see the text cleaned up by reducing the number of fonts. He stated that he feels it would make the sign more readable. He also suggested removing the Parks and Recreation logo.

Mr. Boyle agreed that these are great comments and the fonts need to be cleaned up.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MOTION:** *In case ARB19-010, City of Kent, Riverwalk Trail Signs, Mr. Basista moved to recommend approval of the signs as rendered with the following recommended changes:*

- 1. Revise the fonts to be more consistent*
- 2. Delete the Parks and Recreation's logo*

***Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.***

**V. MEETING SUMMARIES**

**A. August 6, 2019**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Basista moved to approve the August 6, 2019 Meeting Summary, as presented. Mr. Koogle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-2. Mr. Boyle abstained.*

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Randy Snyder, Graphic Design, Inc., presented the Board with a letter detailing the history of events leading up to the new sign approval. He explained that it wasn't their intent to deceive the Board by changing the size of the "Pathway" lettering after their approval. He stated that it is typical sign design to have lettering of the same line be the same size and that is what was submitted and approved by the City for a sign permit.

Ms. Susel explained that it was an error of miscommunication on the City's part.

Mr. Boyle stated that the Board understands that it was a City error and that Mr. Snyder didn't need to come back but thanked him for coming. Mr. Boyle stated that in the future when the Board decides to make changes, they will need to make the applicant come back with new drawings showing the final design.

Ms. Susel agreed and suggested more specificity in the motions would also be helpful.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Koogle moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.