

**CITY OF KENT
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

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

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, Dennis Saxe, David Basista, Kevin Koogle, and Bridget Tipton were present.

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. ARB19-012 EACH + EVERY
156 NORTH WATER STREET**

The applicant is requesting a review of the proposed wall mural.

Alex Catanese with Each + Every presented the project and explained the idea behind the artwork. He stated that they have permission from the building owners for the mural and explained that there is currently some restoration being done now to the side of building. He stated that they are hoping to paint the mural in the spring.

Mr. Boyle stated that he doesn’t feel that the mural enhances the building and feels that it detracts from it. He explained that they are hoping to soon see renovations to the building and when they do it will be a tremendous asset for North Water Street. He stated that there is a relatively small area that will be seen to make an impact and he doesn’t feel that this meets the impact that will enhance the building.

Mr. Catanese stated that the façade renovations that are planned in the next couple years will flatten out the front of the building with windows on the bottom; more of a contemporary look, which he feels would match the style of the mural.

Mr. Boyle stated that the Architectural Review Board has already approved the façade renovations for this building and it will be more original looking.

Mr. Basista stated that he likes the idea of murals on the buildings but feels that this one is a little too contemporary for downtown with the traditional buildings. He added that it isn't a bad design it just doesn't fit this building.

Mr. Koogler stated that one of the roles of the Board is to make sure that projects pay homage to the aesthetic of the downtown and he doesn't feel that this design makes that happen. He stated that the patterns in the mural disregard the windows and quoin on the corner of the building.

Mr. Saxe stated that he doesn't feel that the mural adds to the building at all; it detracts from what is already there.

Ms. Tipton stated that she feels that it is an improvement. She feels that the contemporary design aligns with an architectural alleyway face. She stated that she likes the way that it is looking towards the improvements coming to the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION: *In case ARB19-012, Each + Every, 156 North Water St., Ms. Tipton moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented.
Due to the lack of a second, the motion dies.*

Stephanie Brewer, artist, asked the Board for their input on what they would like to see and remarked that she would also like to learn more about historical structures. The Board responded.

V. MEETING SUMMARIES

A. October 1, 2019

MOTION: *Mr. Saxe moved to approve the October 1, 2019 Meeting Summary, as presented. Mr. Basista seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Koogler abstained.*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Mr. Basista moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.