

Minutes of a Meeting of  
ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW  
Meeting  
Held February 12, 2020

Members Present: Greg Ernst  
Lydia DeGeorge  
Mark Chernisky  
Tom Sedlak  
Kevin Krol

Excused:

Others: Eric Tuck-Macalla (Building Director)

Audience: Stephanie Peters

Chairman Ernst called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with roll call.

Mr. Ernst called for the approval of minutes for the meeting of the Architectural Board of Review held January 8, 2020.

**Motion** by Chernisky, **second** by Sedlak, to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 11, 2019, as prepared and distributed. **Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays**

**Cuyahoga County Library: Bay Village Branch**  
**Applicant: S. Peters c/o HBM Architects**  
**27400 Wolf Road**  
**Application for monument signs.**

Mr. Ernst introduced the second agenda item, the Cuyahoga County Library: Bay Village Branch application for monument signs. He asked that Ms. Peters give a brief overview of the proposed design project and materials.

Ms. Peters, Associate for HBM Architects, introduced herself. She explained that at the February 6, 2020 meeting with the Board of Zoning Appeals the proposed monument signs were granted two variances by the Board. They were granted variances for the number of signs (2) and the size of the signs. The sign out along Wolf Road is intended to have LED signage for advertising, programming and messaging by the Library. It will be quite similar to City Hall's sign. It will have a black background and only have one color for the lettering. It will not be flashing.

Mr. Ernst asked if the letters were going to be white.

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Ms. Peters explained that she was not sure but other libraries use orange. They have not received shops for that yet.

Ms. Peters explained that the letters for the sign will state, "Cuyahoga County Public Library: Bay Village Branch" along with the address. They will anodized pin mounted back lit letters. The smaller sign, to the north of the parking lot, will simply have the name of the library and the address. Both signs are double faced.

Mr. Sedlak clarified that the lettering will be all back lit and that the brick will match the building brick.

Ms. Peters explained that the design is quite simple. The first Planning Commission meetings there was some concern about the building not looking civic/monumental enough and too residential. They had done some architectural changes with the building and included the monument signs to better go with the other buildings on the campus. It is similar in design to the monument in front of City Hall.

Mr. Sedlak and Mr. Ernst clarified that the variances were approved.

Mr. Ernst clarified that the sign lettering will reverse due to it being two sided.

Mr. Krol asked if there was a proposed color for the veneer of the cast stone.

Ms. Peters stated that they do not have a proposed color yet but there is some stone on the building that is a lighter color and she assumes it would match.

Mr. Ernst clarified the brick color. (dark gray/graphite color)

Mr. Ernst clarified that the letter was going to be an anodized aluminum.

Mr. Sedlak asked if the anodized lettering was a bronze color.

Ms. Peters stated they will be a silver color.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if there was any consideration to staggering the wording and address and having the address be centered. It is her preference to see if more staggered.

Ms. Peters explained that they had looked at a few different arrangements and the proposed was preferred. It is something that could be looked at again.

Mr. Ernst stated that he liked the left justification. It appears a bit more modern looking.

Mr. Krol stated that with the LED sign at the Wolf Road sign location, the left justification works.

Mr. Chernisky stated that it could be reversed and then it would not be on one side.

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Mr. Ernst asked if there were additional comments.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that she has never been a fan of digital signs, especially at Cahoon Park.

Mr. Sedlak stated that he is okay with it.

Mr. Krol asked if the digital sign will be operating all night or if there will be some sort of on/off schedule.

Ms. Peters stated that she believed that at some point it goes to the date and time but she could find out. She asked if there were time restrictions.

Mr. Krol stated that time restrictions come up almost every time and that some of the signs around town do shut down.

Mr. Ernst stated that a black background with a single color lettering is preferable.

Mr. Sedlak stated that he would like to know when it is decided what the colors are going to be.

Ms. Peters stated that it will only be one color lettering but she was not sure what that one color will be. She stated that Warrensville and Parma Snow Branch use orange lettering. She was not sure how they ended up with that decision. She will get back to the City when she has that information.

Mr. Ernst stated that it would be good to have on record somewhere.

Mr. Sedlak stated that he would not make the approval contingent upon it.

Mr. Ernst stated that orange and white are probably the only colors that he could see potentially using.

Mr. Chernisky stated that St. Raphael's Church using an orange/amber coloring for their LED signs.

Ms. Peters stated that the orange lettering may also be a color that colorblind people can see. There may be some limitations to that as well.

Mr. Ernst asked if there were any other comments.

**Motion** by Sedlak, **second** by Chernisky to approve the Cuyahoga County Library: Bay Village Branch monument signs as prepared and submitted.

**Roll Call Vote:**        **Yeas –Ernst, Krol, Chernisky, Sedlak**  
                                 **Nays – DeGeorge**

**Motion Carried:**     **4-1**

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Mr. Chernisky asked if there was a groundbreaking estimate on the Library.

Ms. Peters explained that they are hoping to start construction at the end of April. The project is out to bid now.

Mr. Ernst asked who typically does the library work, contractor wise.

Ms. Peters stated that Donley's are the CM.

**Owner: Dover Junction LLC**  
**Applicant: Cione Belknap**  
**616 Dover Center Drive**  
**Application for signage.**

The next agenda applicant's did not show up to the scheduled meeting.

Mr. Ernst stated that the item will be tabled until the following meeting, February 26, 2020.

There were no other comments.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Greg Ernst, Chairman

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Kateri Vincent, Secretary