

Architectural Review Board Minutes of Meeting 5/19/15

Meeting started at 7:00 with all board members present: Ellen Corsel, John Baker, Greg Saint John, Jim Mauri and Scot Samuelson. Also in attendance were Maple Street property owners: Justin Money, Bob Hock, Jack Nelson, Billy McCain and Carol McCain.

Question asked by property owners about the role and function of the ARB which was explained by EC

JB explained the intent of the proposed project to conceal Maple Street from 341 either by 500' +/- of fence or by creative "screening". Various board members further explained some of the screening options and the possibility of a design competition.

Billy McCain said that it would be easier to replant tress which had been in place in 1995. The trees had been removed during the sewer line work along the tracks.

Justin Money agreed with BM and said complaints about his property occurred after the tress had been cut down.

EC explained some of the various screening ideas other then trees which had been talked about including a design competition for a creative solution.

GSJ explained that a design competition would be well received given the association between Kent and art. Silo Ridge development was creating more interest and focus to the area as well.

Question asked why not screen on 341 side of railroad tracks.

JB said if planting it should be evergreens to provide year round screening not like in front of the town garage on opposite side of 341

JM observed that planting was sounding like the preferred method of screening.

Owners agreed and sighted various reasons of support including that the needed height required to screen could be achieved and not require a variance, less maintenance issues and ease of installation.

More discussions about where to plant and what were the options. The use of a variety of trees and shrubs was agreed upon.

JB stated he would rewrite the proposal for the project as was discussed and map out something for use in budgeting.

Meeting ended at 8:00

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