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## **VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL**

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Miami Beach, Florida 33139

RE: UPDATED SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER  
**DRB23-0968** – Certificate of Appropriateness for Digital  
Information Kiosks at One Location in the City

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Dear Mr. Madan:

This law firm represents IKE Smart City, LLC (the "Applicant"), recipient of a Request for Proposal from the City of Miami Beach (the "City") to install Digital Information Kiosks throughout the City. Two (2) of the proposed Digital Information Kiosks (the "Kiosks") are located outside the boundaries of a local historic district. This letter serves as a supplemental letter of intent with regards to updated materials associated with the Design Review Approval for two (2) Kiosks located in the City. The Applicant received a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Board ("HPB") for Application HPB23-0590, with executed Order dated May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for the kiosk design and eight (8) Kiosks located within local historic districts.

Design Evolution. The approved Kiosk design has changed significantly since the first submittal of materials for this Application on October 10, 2023. Prior to its recent HPB approval at the May 12, 2024 meeting, this Application went before the HPB on December 12, 2023, and on March 12, 2024. The esteemed members of the HPB provided the Applicant with constructive feedback and comments relating to the design of the Kiosks. The Applicant worked closely with elected officials,

community partners, and the City's professional staff to address the HPB's comments. Most notably, the Applicant partnered with an award-winning architect, William Lane, to further study the Kiosk design. The goal of this partnership was to generate a one-of-a-kind Kiosk that captures the history, architecture, and personality of the City.

When considering the HPB's feedback and to achieve the mutual desire that the Kiosks extend the identity and branding of the City, William Lane changed course from only considering the kiosk expressing itself, to the kiosk also speaking directly to the identity of the City and its context. The intent of the design is to serve as a custodian of the Beach and as a wayfinding tool for exploration. William Lane was inspired by a playfulness inherent to the personality of Miami Beach, which will be mirrored by the excited tourists interacting with the Kiosks. He was also inspired by the City's rich history of cutting-edge design and spirited design choices. The added soft edges of the wave, the biomorphic aspect, and the relation to the physical environment (waves, dunes, etc.), all reflect the personality and physicality of Miami Beach.

In addition to studying the Kiosk design, the Applicant closely considered the environment and condition of each location. In exploring an alternative design concept for specific Kiosk locations, William Lane considered the vibrant history of color in Miami Beach and in particular the rich palette of pastels that Leonard Horowitz, co-founder of the Miami Design Preservation League, used to draw attention to the Art Deco architecture that had gone into dereliction. The customized colors act to further this sense of identity that has become synonymous to Miami Beach. The specification in shade for pink and turquoise Kiosks was further developed by William Lane's inspiration of maritime cultures, such as the Bahamas, and wildlife, like flamingos.

William Lane envisions some of the locations being the neutral color option, when they are part of a more urban, utilitarian context. In other locations where it is important that the Kiosk flatter the architecture and history, William Lane envisions certain color selections.

The Kiosks in this Application, Kiosk "5. Convention Center Dr" is adjacent to the iconic Miami Beach Convention Center, and Kiosk "6. Lincoln Rd & Alton Rd" is adjacent to the new CitizenM Hotel. The Kiosks are designed to be compatible with the surrounding buildings, while remaining distinguishable. Therefore, the neutral color option is most compatible for both Kiosks.

The Kiosks are purposefully located in areas with high pedestrian traffic and nearby to popular points-of-interest. The Kiosks are not blocking entrances of immediately abutting buildings and the design, scale, massing, and arrangement of the Kiosks are consistent with the City's intent and will not negatively impact or detract from the character of the surrounding area.

Conclusion. The Kiosks are an important part of the revitalization the City and improving the pedestrian experience. The proposed Kiosks comply with all applicable land development regulations and are designed to be accessible, user-friendly, and resilient. Design Review approval will allow for an innovative addition to the City's streetscape.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your favorable review and recommendation with respect to the proposed Kiosks. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael Larkin

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