

**Design Review Board
Minutes Of January 19, 2022**

151 Martin Street, City Commission Room 205, Birmingham, MI

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Design Review Board ("DRB") held Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Vice-Chair Keith Deyer called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

1) Rollcall

Present: Vice-Chair Keith Deyer; Board Members Natalia Dukas, Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang, Julie Rasaweher; Alternate Board Members Samantha Cappello, Kathleen Kriel

Absent: Chair John Henke; Board Member Michael Willoughby

Administration: Nicholas Dupuis, Planning Director
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

01-01-22

2) Approval of the DRB Minutes of December 15, 2021

Motion by Ms. Lang

Seconded by Ms. Dukas to approve the DRB Minutes of December 15, 2021 as submitted.

Motion carried, 7-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Rasaweher, Lang, Cappello, Dukas, Kriel, Deyer, Kolo

Nays: None

01-02-22

3) Public Hearing

None.

01-03-22

4) Design Review

None.

01-04-22

5) Sign Review

None.

01-05-22

6) Study Session

A. Sign Ordinance Update

PD Dupuis reviewed the item. He said he hoped to bring the proposed updates to the Board for review in Summer 2022.

Vice-Chair Deyer asked that issues around wall signage and second floor signage be clarified in the updates.

PD Dupuis confirmed he would do so.

PD Dupuis invited Board members to email him about any topics in the sign ordinance that should be potentially modified. He said Board members could also make suggestions for changes to the sign ordinance during DRB meetings.

01-06-22

7) Miscellaneous Business And Communications

Mr. Kolo raised an issue with the Hands-On Physical Therapy sign.

PD Dupuis said he had required that one of the signs on the building be removed but that he was not sure if it had been removed yet.

Ms. Dukas noted that if a tenant were about to move in on the other sign of the building they would have no room left to add signage.

PD Dupuis said he would confirm whether the signage was removed, and would require them to remove it if it had not yet been removed.

Mr. Kolo asked whether there was a potential issue with the brightness of the Evereve sign, and Vice-Chair Deyer raised a similar issue about Primo's Pizza.

PD Dupuis said he would look into it. He asked for photos of both at night if DRB members had a chance.

A. Pre-Application Discussions

B. Draft Agenda

C. Staff Reports

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

2. Administrative Approvals

3. Action List 2022

Mr. Kolo recommended that the DRB further explore the differences between signage and design.

PD Dupuis recommended the DRB review aspects of the 2040 Plan that might pertain to the DRB. He noted that signage for commercial destinations in parks might be one item to consider.

Mr. Kolo concurred.

PD Dupuis said he would also bring the Planning Board action list to the next meeting to see if there are design-related topics the DRB could volunteer to handle. He asked DRB members to email him individually or make recommendations at the next meeting for potential additional action list items.

Vice-Chair Deyer recommended that signs in the overlay standards be reviewed further.

01-07-22

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Lang

Seconded by Mr. Kolo to adjourn the DRB meeting of January 19, 2022 at 8:18 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Rasawehr, Lang, Cappello, Dukas, Kriel, Deyer, Kolo

Nays: None



Nicholas Dupuis
Planning Director



Laura Eichenhorn
City Transcriptionist