

**Design Review Board**  
**Minutes Of June 16, 2021**  
Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Design Review Board ("DRB") held Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Chair John Henke called the meeting to order at 9:42 p.m.

**1) Rollcall**

**Present:** Chair John Henke; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas, Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang (Harbor Springs, MI); Alternate Board Members Samantha Cappello, Kathleen Kriel (Nantucket, MA); Student Representatives Charles Cusimano, Elizabeth Wiegand (Grosse Pointe Woods, MI)

All located in Birmingham, MI unless otherwise noted.

**Absent:** Board Member Michael Willoughby

**Administration:** Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner  
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

**06-057-21**

**2) Approval Of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Deyer**

**Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the DRB Minutes of June 2, 2021 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Debbrecht, Kolo, Deyer, Henke, Lang

Nays: None

Abstain: Dukas, Kriel

**06-058-21**

**3) Public Hearing**

None.

**06-059-21**

**4) Design Review**

**A. 825 Bowers – Todd's Room**

Chair Henke stated that his wife assisted Todd Skog, applicant, with the updated paint proposals for the exterior of the building. He said that if anyone was uncomfortable he was happy to abstain from the item and to let Mr. Deyer direct this aspect of the meeting.

No objections to Chair Henke's participation were made by the DRB, and Mr. Skog said he was not uncomfortable with the Chair's participation.

CP Dupuis reviewed the item.

Mr. Kolo and Ms. Lang said they were comfortable with the plans as submitted.

Mr. Deyer and Ms. Dukas suggested possibly adding more of the Turkish Coffee paint color to the west side of the building, or additional landscaping, to further break up the pink exterior a bit more.

Ms. Lang stated that very few people would be viewing the building from the west side.

Mr. Skog said he was willing to consider Mr. Deyer's and Ms. Dukas' recommendations if that would move the item forward.

There was DRB consensus that proposed changes to the paint color or landscaping on the west side could be administratively approved by CP Dupuis instead of needing to return for a design review.

**Motion by Mr. Deyer**

**Seconded by Ms. Kolo to approve the Design Review application for 825 Bowers – Todd's Room for the landscaping on the east and south sides and the change in paint on the east and north sides, with consideration for additional landscaping or painting on the west side which would be administratively approved.**

**Mr. Skog thanked the DRB for their work on this item.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Deyer, Kolo, Lang, Dukas, Kriel, Debbrecht

Nays: None

Abstain: Henke

**06-060-21**

**5) Sign Review**

None.

**06-061-21**

**6) Study Session**

None.

**06-062-21**

**7) Miscellaneous Business And Communications**

**A. Pre-Application Discussions**

**B. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**

**C. Staff Reports**

**1. Administrative Sign Approvals**

**2. Administrative Approvals**

**3. Action List - 2021**

**06-063-21**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Ms. Dukas**

**Seconded by Ms. Lang to adjourn the DRB meeting of June 16, 2021 at 10:02 p.m.**

**Motion carried, 7-0**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Lang, Debbrecht, Henke, Kolo, Deyer, Kriel

Nays: None

Nicholas Dupuis  
City Planner