

**Design Review Board
Minutes Of January 4, 2023**

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Design Review Board ("DRB") held Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Chair Henke called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1) Rollcall

Present: Chair John Henke; Board Members Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas, Dustin Kolo, Julie Rasaweher, Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Member Samantha Cappello

Absent: Board Member Patricia Lang; Alternate Board Member Sam Lanfear

Staff: Planning Director Dupuis; City Planner Blizinski, City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

2) Approval of the DRB Minutes of December 7, 2022

01-01-23

Motion by Ms. Rasaweher

Seconded by Ms. Cappello to approve the December 7, 2022 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried, 7-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Henke, Rasaweher, Deyer, Cappello, Dukas, Kolo, Willoughby

Nays: None

3) Public Hearing

4) Design Review

5) Sign Review

A. 34040 Woodward – Community Unity Bank (Postponed from 12/7/22)

CP Blizinski presented the item.

Dorian Moore, architect for the project, spoke on behalf of the project. He noted that he was still working on procuring a sample of the proposed mesh backing.

Mr. Deyer said the mesh backing and the lights were disruptive to the general aesthetic of the building and the surrounding buildings. Mr. Deyer suggested considering keeping the mesh at the roofline and keeping it as an effective backer as one option.

Mr. Willoughby said he felt the screen was too tall. He said it would be more aesthetically appropriate for the sign to go about four feet above the roof, instead of going up six feet, ten inches above the roof.

Mr. Moore said he would present the feedback to his client. In reply to Mr. Kolo, Mr. Moore said he could use cut-off light fixtures on the sign lights. He confirmed that the sconce between the first and second window from the left would be relocated.

The Chair noted that Mr. Moore would have to submit drawings to the City with the locations of the five sconces.

01-02-23

Motion by Ms. Dukas

Seconded by Ms. Rasawehr to postpone the sign review of 34040 Woodward to January 18, 2023.

The DRB requested a photoshop rendering of the sign with the mesh, and reiterated their request for a sample of the mesh. It was noted that if Mr. Moore needed more time to procure the mesh sample the review could be further postponed after consultation with City Staff.

Motion carried, 7-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Henke, Rasawehr, Deyer, Cappello, Dukas, Kolo, Willoughby

Nays: None

6) Study Session

7) Miscellaneous Business And Communications

A. Pre-Application Discussions

B. Draft Agenda

C. Staff Reports

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

2. Administrative Approvals

3. Action List 2022

8) Adjournment

No further business being evident, the Board motioned to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.



Nicholas Dupuis
Planning Director



Laura Eichenhorn
City Transcriptionist