

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Design Review Board ("DRB") held Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Chair Henke called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**1) Rollcall**

**Present:** Chair John Henke; Board Members Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas, Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang, Julie Rasawehr; Alternate Board Member Samantha Cappello; Student Representatives Meghan Murray, Charlie Vercellone

**Absent:** Board Member Michael Willoughby

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

**2) Approval of the DRB Minutes of September 21, 2022**

**10-33-22**

**Motion by Ms. Rasawehr**

**Seconded by Ms. Cappello to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

**3) Public Hearing**

**4) Design Review**

**5) Sign Review**

**A. 34901 Woodward – CIBC**

CP Blizinski and PD Dupuis presented the item.

PD Dupuis explained Planning recommended approval even though the signs did not meet the ordinance because:

- The signs were visually appropriate for the surroundings;
- There was limited signage space available for the office spaces; and,
- The signs did not run afoul of the intent of the sign ordinance.

Ms. Dukas concurred that the signs were not visually offensive and said she would have difficulty placing useful, ordinance-compliant signs on the building.

Chair Henke said he would feel differently if the applicant were requesting more signage than what was being proposed.

Mr. Deyer and Ms. Rasawehr concurred. Ms. Rasawehr said that based on the design of the building the proposed location would be the only reasonable location for the sign.

Chair Henke said he was comfortable letting the Board of Zoning Appeals determine what would be most appropriate.

It was noted that other signage on the building would have to be reduced in order to make this proposed signage compliant with the ordinance's requirements for signage sizes.

**10-34-22**

**Motion by Mr. Deyer**

**Seconded by Ms. Dukas to approve the Sign Design Review application for 34901 Woodward – CIBC – with the following conditions:**

- 1. The applicant must submit revised sign plans with reduced total signage on walls other than the principal frontage, or obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals; and,**
- 2. The applicant must submit revised sign plans locating all proposed signs within the sign band, or obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

VOICE VOTE

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

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 7:25 p.m.

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Nicholas Dupuis  
Planning Director



Laura Eichenhorn  
City Transcriptionist

APPROVED