



## **Architectural Review Committee**

City Hall Conference Room 203  
151 Martin St., Birmingham, MI 248.530.1807  
Friday, October 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Present: Larry Bertollini, Scott Bonney

Absent: Chris Longe

City Staff: Joe Valentine, City Manager  
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer  
Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

Discussion on the approval of meeting minutes from the Sept. 16, 2016 meeting. Larry Bertollini wanted it noted that the governing group of church initiated the current location, and the City has First United Methodist Church's approval of this location in writing.

Motion by Bonney to approve the Sept. 16, 2016 minutes as amended, seconded by Bertollini. All were in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding the traffic signal placement plans for the intersection of 14 Mile Road and Southfield. The project will include adding a pole, adding push button stations, and adding ADA ramps to be ADA compliant. O'Meara noted the north east corner has much less right of way due. It incorporates a box span at four corners and because of the need to properly place the pole a safe distance from the intersection, it places the pole where the sidewalk currently is located. O'Meara said the Road Commission's solution is to push the sidewalk at an angle toward the intersection to make room for it.

Bonney raised a concern that if someone were riding their bike on the sidewalk, the proposed shift of the sidewalk may cause someone to run into the pole. O'Meara said it will be a gradual taper, and he is comfortable with this design of this traffic signal placement given the existing conditions and feels the sidewalk shift is a good solution. The Road Commission design solution is the same one he would have done.

Bonney said he thinks the sidewalk shift is the best, cleanest way to do the traffic design, and noted that while it may not be ideal, it looks good aesthetically. Bonney also wanted to confirm that the new pole will match the existing ones. O'Meara confirmed that it will, but will be new.

Bertollini wanted to get an explanation from the Road Commission why the south crosswalk from east to west is not connected. O'Meara suggested that it may be due to lack of pedestrian traffic in that area or to discourage pedestrian crossing in that area.

Motion to proceed with the design as proposed, noting that the Committee has looked it over, sees no issues, and takes no exception. Motion was made by Bonney, seconded by Bertollini, 2 yeas, 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

**Manager's Directives Resulting from the Architectural Review Committee Meeting of  
October 14, 2016:**

1. **To concur with the ARC and Engineering's recommendation to proceed with the Road Commission's plan for traffic signal placement at the 14 Mile Rd. and Southfield Rd. intersection.**