



Architectural Review Committee

Conference Room 203
151 Martin St., Birmingham, MI 248.530.1807
Friday, November 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Present: Larry Bertollini, Chris Longe

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City Staff: Joe Valentine, City Manager
Lauren Wood, Director of DPS
Mike Jurek, Assistant Foreman, Parks and Forestry
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer
Austin Fletcher, Assistant City Engineer
Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

There was discussion on approving of the May 18, 2018 ARC meeting minutes. Larry Bertollini made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris Longe. All were in favor.

Joe Valentine advised that because there are plans to increase the parking in Lot 6, there is an opportunity to make some enhancements to the east corner access to the water. Austin Fletcher advised that the plans labelled "Concept A and Concept B" were designed by the HRC for the Engineering Department and provide a starting point for discussion by the ARC.

Bertollini suggested the possibility of a guard rail, and said he does not like to see a lot of concrete where the access is, and hopes the design follows the contour of the river. Longe said he agrees with Larry and likes a more natural, green area instead of a paved area, and suggested looking into tiered rock with a wide face, and use irregular shaped shelf rock or flagstone as paving. Longe said there should be more canopy-type trees, and less evergreen, so you can walk underneath. He likes the benches to offer a less formal environment.

Mike Jurek and Lauren Wood said DPS has recycled benches, both with and without backs available for use. Everyone agreed that two benches are sufficient.

Bertollini agreed with Longe that more natural elements should be added, and talked about ADA accessibility. Longe suggested a smaller entrance area which widens at the river and creates a more gradual decline rather than a drop off.

Action Items based on ARC comments:

1. Follow the contour of the river with the design
2. Consider placement of a guard rail along the water, if needed
3. Consider pervious material rather than concrete
4. Consider tiering the edge with limestone rather than rocks
5. Consider a smaller entrance which widens at the river

6. Consider Shelf rock for paving or flagstone
7. Consider greening along edge near lot with more trees/vegetation
8. Consider more canopy trees/less evergreens
9. Keep two benches

A motion was made by Longe to consider the ARC comments into the revised plans, seconded by Bertollini; 2 yeas, 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Manager's Directives Resulting from the Architectural Review Committee Meeting of November 9, 2018:

1. **To incorporate the action items by the ARC into the revised plan for the Lot 6 water access.**
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 - 8) Consider more canopy trees/less evergreens
 - 9) Keep two benches