



Architectural Review Committee Minutes

Conference Room 203
151 Martin St., Birmingham, MI 248.530.1807
Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Larry Bertollini, Chris Longe

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City Staff: Joe Valentine, City Manager
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer
Austin Fletcher, Assistant City Engineer
Theresa Bridges, Assistant City Engineer
Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

Chris Longe made a motion to approve the November 9, 2018 Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meeting minutes, which was seconded by Larry Bertollini. All were in favor.

Joe Valentine presented the first item for consideration, the review of Parking Lot 6 river access design, Concept D, which was a result of suggestions by the ARC at the Nov. 9, 2018 meeting. Austin Fletcher advised that Concept D is the fourth iteration by Hubbell, Roth and Clark (HRC).. C. Longe said the design looks like what they discussed, and he has no issues with it. L. Bertollini said he would like more natural vegetation, but takes no exception to it. Fletcher asked for a preference on the type of stone used in the main access area and offered options of flagstone, natural cut slate, blue stone or Sofala quartz. Longe said he had no preference and was okay with whatever was recommended, and really liked the large irregular cut shapes. Bertollini said he was okay with anything that would last a while and be easy to maintain. The committee also discussed ledge rock and were okay with it as submitted. Also discussed was ADA accessibility and whether there were any requirements for ADA compliance. City staff verified that ADA compliance is not a requirement for this feature.

A motion was made by Longe to approve the Concept D design for Parking Lot 6 river access, as submitted, seconded by Bertollini; 2 yeas, 0 nays.

The second item on the agenda was a request for the ARC to offer concept ideas for the landscape design on the northwest corner of Park Street and Hamilton. Currently, there is a large tree with a raised bed of mulch with mature roots from the tree. Fletcher said he asked DPS for an answer on whether the irrigation could reach that area which would determine potential for designs. Carrie Laird explained that the existing irrigation further north down the street would not reach to accommodate vegetation which needs irrigation. The committee discussed additional options for that corner. Longe said he would like to see the current designs for all four corners of

that intersection when the ARC meets next time, to evaluate a design that integrates with the whole intersection. Longe said he would like to keep the existing tree, and possibly have vegetation on the opposite end with a short walkway between the two areas. The committee discussed adding 1-2 benches as an option or a stone bench such as the ones used in the Old Woodward Project. Bertollini and Longe both submitted concept sketches to Engineering to be given to MKSK in preparing design options.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

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

1. **To proceed with Concept D design as submitted for the Parking Lot 6 River Access.**
2. **To take the suggestions made by the ARC for the northwest corner of Hamilton Ave. and Park Street and come back with 2-3 landscape design suggestions, plus provide a look at all four corners of the intersection for a comprehensive view at the next meeting.**