

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2019
Municipal Building Commission Room
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Design Review Board ("DRB") held Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m.

1) ROLLCALL

Present: Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Natalia Dukas, Michael Willoughby

Absent: Chairman John Henke; Board Members Patricia Lang, Joseph Mercurio; Alternate Board Member Alexander Jerome; Student Representative Klea Ahmet

Administration: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

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2) Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Dukas

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the DRB Minutes of November 4, 2019 as submitted.

Motion carried, 4-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Debbrecht, Deyer, Willoughby

Nays: None

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3) Public Hearing

None.

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4) Design Review

None.

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5) Sign Review

None.

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6) Study Session

None.

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7) Miscellaneous Business And Communications

Vice-Chairman Deyer said:

- The locksmith on Woodward, south of Lincoln, seemed to have gone out of business which meant that the pole sign there could no longer be used.
- City Planner Dupuis should verify that the signage of Elements Massage at 755 E. Maple was compliant with ordinance given the signage's use of a high-contrast backer.
- City Planner Dupuis should verify whether Love and Buttercream at 746 E. Maple was compliant with ordinance allowances for holiday lights.
- He would be glad to help City Planner Dupuis work on the Centennial Homes project.

City Planner Dupuis said the Centennial Homes project is the first one on the Historic District Study Committee's action list. He said he also recently made a map showing which Heritage Homes are nominated, which homes are currently eligible, and which homes will be eligible in the next five, ten, and fifteen years. He noted that the City would need to verify which of those homes are still in existence.

Vice-Chairman Deyer said going through the information year-by-year would be easier than doing it in five year batches due to the sheer number of homes that will be eligible.

City Planner Dupuis concurred.

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

Vice-Chairman Deyer recommended City Planner Dupuis ask First Community Bank to forego the back lighting and to try to find a sign style similar to other approved signs extant throughout the City.

Ms. Dukas said that it would do First Community Bank justice to have a better-designed sign. Vice-Chairman Deyer and Ms. Debbrecht concurred, with Ms. Debbrecht saying the sign should be more substantial.

City Planner Dupuis said he would push for a translucent face around the letters of the sign and would return to the Board with an update.

2. Administrative Approvals

Included in agenda packet.

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Adjournment

No further business being evident, the board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Nicholas Dupuis
City Planner

APPROVED