

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2019**  
Municipal Building Commission Room  
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1) ROLLCALL**

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

**Absent:** Chairman John Henke; Board Member Patricia Lang; Alternate Member Kevin Filthaut; Student Representative Klea Ahmet

**Administration:** Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner  
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

**12-51-19**

**2) Approval Of Minutes**

**Motion by Ms. Dukas**

**Seconded by Mr. Burley to approve the HDC Minutes of November 6, 2019 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Burley, Debbrecht, Deyer, Willoughby

Nays: None

**12-52-19**

**3) Courtesy Review**

**A. 556 W. Maple – Hunter House**

Museum Director Leslie Pielack presented the item.

Vice-Chairman Deyer commended Museum Director Pielack for hiring a historical architect for the repairs.

Mr. Willoughby noted that if this building were being built now without gutters, there would be a much larger overhang incorporated than the one present in the Hunter House. The lack of a large overhang would mean the exterior walls and base of the building would be more effected by inclement weather, and he recommended the Birmingham Museum

make a schedule of regular checks of the Hunter House to ensure any additional required repairs occur in a timely fashion.

Museum Director Pielack stated that the Birmingham Museum would be working with Northwest Window Works, located near Kalamazoo, MI, for the Hunter House's windows.

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**4) Historic Design Review**

**A. 111 Henrietta & 195 W. Maple – Brooklyn Pizza**

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the item.

Sam Abdelfatah, owner of Brooklyn Pizza, and Joel Schmidt, architect for the project, were present.

Mr. Abdelfatah confirmed Brooklyn Pizza would be retaining its current business address of 111 Henrietta.

After further discussion about the exterior design, the Board reached consensus.

**Motion by Mr. Willoughby**

**Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the plans for Brooklyn Pizza as submitted with the conditions that:**

- 1. The lower part of the facade on the corner of Henrietta and Maple be changed from the black tile to a cement parge painted the dark blue color to match the bullions on the original Brooklyn Pizza; and,**
- 2. That the blade sign be modified to read 'Brooklyn Pizza and Bistro'.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Willoughby, Debbrecht, Dukas, Burley, Deyer

Nays: 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 Communication**

**A. Pre-Application Discussions**

**B. Staff Reports**

**1. Administrative Sign Approvals**

**2. Administrative Approvals**

**3. November Demolitions**

**12-57-19**

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business being evident, the board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Nicholas Dupuis  
City Planner

APPROVED