

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2019. Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**1) ROLLCALL**

**Present:** Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Patricia Lang, Michael Willoughby; Student Representative Klea Ahmet

**Absent:** Chairman John Henke; Board Member Doug Burley, Natalia Dukas; Alternate Members Kevin Filthaut, Dulce Fuller

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

**10-32-19**

**2) Approval Of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Willoughby**

**Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the HDC Minutes of September 4, 2019 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Willoughby, Debbrecht, Lang, Deyer

Nays: None

**10-33-19**

**3) Courtesy Review (none)**

**10-34-19**

**4) Historic Design Review**

**A. 117 Willits – Shift/Sidecar/Slice**

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the item. He confirmed that an adequate walkway through the outdoor dining will be provided, that window signage would amount to 12 square feet per business, and that the sightlines for cars coming southbound and turning east were reviewed by the Engineering Department.

Christopher Longe, architect, summarized the item and explained the exteriors of the three restaurants are branded slightly differently in order to distinguish one from the other. In reply to Vice-Chairman Deyer, Mr. Longe stated that to his knowledge the Planning Board's comments on the plans had been addressed.

Mr. Willoughby said the proposed awnings remind him of Paris by providing a small variety of color against the buildings. He said he found the effect charming.

**Motion by Mr. Willoughby**

**Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to recommend the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for 117 Willits. The work as proposed meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard numbers 1 and 9.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Willoughby, Debbrecht, Lang, Deyer

Nays: None

**10-35-19**

**5) Sign Review**

None.

**10-36-19**

**6) Study Session**

None.

**10-37-19**

**7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication**

**A. Staff Reports**

City Planner Dupuis explained he would be planning a meeting with the HDSC in order to determine next steps for the shared items on the HDSC and HDC action lists. In reply to Vice-Chairman Deyer City Planner Dupuis confirmed he would be looking into grants to cover new historic Birmingham property surveys as well.

**1. Administrative Sign Approvals**

**2. Administrative Approvals**

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the fence application for 366 West Brown.

The HDC concurred that 366 West Brown should be asked to choose one type of fencing.

Mr. Willoughby recommended 366 West Brown forego using the Montgomery type of fencing being proposed. He said the other two fencing options would be more acceptable.

Ms. Debbrecht asked if the HDC could be provided with samples of the fencing material in order to better make a determination.

City Planner Dupuis said he would ask 366 West Brown for samples. He confirmed that the City does require properties to maintain the structural integrity and aesthetics of installed fencing.

### **3. Demolitions**

Included in agenda packet.

**10-38-19**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business being evident, the board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Nicholas Dupuis  
City Planner

APPROVED