

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2020**
Municipal Building Commission Room
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, February 15, 2020. Chairman John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Board Members Doug Burley, Natalia Dukas; Alternate Member Kevin Filthaut

Administration: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

01-08-20

2) Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Deyer

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the HDC Minutes of January 15, 2020 as submitted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Deyer, Debbrecht, Willoughby, Henke, Lang

Nays: None

01-09-20

3) Courtesy Review

None.

01-10-20

4) Historic Design Review

None.

01-11-20

5) Sign Review

None.

01-12-20

6) Study Session

None.

01-13-20

7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

A. Pre-Application Discussions

B. Staff Reports

City Planner Dupuis notified the Committee that he turned in two Community Partnership Program applications: one for a survey of the Little San Francisco neighborhood in Birmingham and one for design guidelines.

City Planner Dupuis reported that the City would not pursue a National Register application for Birmingham City Hall at this time because City Hall did not meet the requirement of having been surveyed in the last ten years and because the City wanted to verify how being registered could affect the costs of maintaining to City Hall.

412 Willits will be coming in for a historic design review at the Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting.

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the items. For 390 E. Maple, the HDC said it was fine allowing the building owner to maintain a sign that was compliant with ordinance. They said that if the owner wanted to have a sign using the current sign brackets, however, that they would have to pursue a variance through the BZA since the sign brackets are non-compliant.

2. Administrative Approvals

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the items. The HDC concurred that for minor changes to buildings the changes could be approved administratively, but that more substantive changes should be brought in for the review of the Committee.

3. Draft Michigan Statewide Historic Preservation Plan 2020-2025

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the item and invited feedback from the HDC. He said individual members of the HDC could also email him feedback by February 11, 2020 which he would pass along to the State.

Mr. Deyer said the plan is too long and could benefit either from being shortened or from a summary being included with the Plan.

4. January Demolitions

01-14-20

ADJOURNMENT

No further business being evident, the board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Nicholas Dupuis
City Planner

APPROVED