

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2020**
Municipal Building Commission Room
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Chairman John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) ROLLCALL

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

Absent: Board Member Doug Burley; Alternate Member Kevin Filthaut

Administration: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

03-22-20

2) Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Debbrecht

Seconded by Ms. Dukas to approve the HDC Minutes of February 19, 2020 as submitted.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Debbrecht, Dukas, Lang, Willoughby, Deyer, Henke

Nays: None

03-23-20

3) Courtesy Review

None.

03-24-20

4) Historic Design Review

None.

03-25-20

5) Sign Review

None.

03-26-20

6) Study Session

A. The Birmingham Plan (2040)

City Planner Dupuis advised the HDC that he would be consolidating their individually submitted comments on the draft master plan into more general board comments on the plan.

Chairman Henke positively acknowledged City Planner Dupuis' statement. There was no further dialogue from the HDC members on the matter.

03-27-20

7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

A. Pre-Application Discussions

B. Staff Reports

City Planner Dupuis notified the HDC that the annual Historic Preservation conference would be occurring in Kalamazoo, Michigan in May 14-16, 2020. He recommended that a few HDC members consider attending.

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

2. Administrative Approvals

City Planner Dupuis reviewed the administrative approval request from the owners of 743 W. Frank.

Ms. Debbrecht said she had previously resided at 743 W. Frank. She explained the sliding doors in the rear of the home are not historic, while the window to the east of the doors is a historic window.

Further discussion among the HDC members determined that the plans proposed to remove the original window and to replace it with two smaller windows.

Ms. Debbrecht said she would be against that change.

Chairman Henke said the applicant should come before the HDC to explain the plans.

Mr. Deyer said it would also be helpful to have clarification as to exactly which part of the home is historic and which part is a later, non-historic addition.

City Planner Dupuis confirmed he would provide that information and set a historic design review for the applicant for the first HDC meeting in April 2020.

3. Action List 2020

City Planner Dupuis provided the HDC members with the final draft of the 2020 Action List.

4. Historical Preservation Collaboration Matrix

5. National Preservation Month

03-28-20

ADJOURNMENT

No further business being evident, the board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Nicholas Dupuis
City Planner

APPROVED