

Historic District Commission
Minutes Of February 3, 2021
Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Chair John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Chair John Henke; Board Members Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas, Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang, Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Member Cassandra McCarthy (arrived 7:19 p.m.) (all located in Birmingham, MI)

Absent: Board Member Gigi Debbrecht; Alternate Board Member Steven Lemberg

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

Chair Henke notified the HDC that inclusive of the present meeting and henceforth both the HDC and DRB meetings would be televised.

02-015-21

2) Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Willoughby
Seconded by Ms. Dukas to approve the HDC Minutes of January 20, 2021 as submitted.

Motion carried, 6-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

02-016-21

3) Courtesy Review

None.

02-017-21

4) Historic Design Review

None.

02-018-21

5) Sign Review

None.

02-019-21

6) Study Session

A. Promoting Historic Preservation – Outline

CP Dupuis offered a potential outline for an HDC workshop on historic preservation. The outline may be found in the evening's agenda packet.

There was a short discussion among the HDC members about some ideas that could be discussed further at the workshop, including: making a list of historic properties available on the City website, documenting and publicizing the appreciation in value of historic properties, distributing the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's brochure more widely within the City, creating a community forum for individuals personally working on historic preservation projects within the City, encouraging children and parents to do walking or cycling tours of the City's historic properties, featuring historic homes and commercial buildings once a month in the Birmingham Eagle, and creating social media posts about historic properties in the City and their preservation.

There was HDC consensus that the outline should be used as-written to guide the March 3, 2021 historic preservation workshop.

B. 100 N. Old Woodward – Means & Methods Report

Chair Henke said he wanted to know how many pieces of original travertine were available in the existing basement. He said he also wanted to know what the contingency plan would be if there were not enough pieces in the basement to replace panels that might be damaged during the removal. He said the HDC does not need to review this item again until there is a new draft agreement available. He said he would also like the HDC to have an opportunity to speak with the project's contractor once a draft agreement is available to discuss additional contingency plans for other aspects of the historic preservation.

The Committee members agreed with Chair Henke's recommendations.

02-020-21

7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

A. Pre-Application Discussions

B. Draft Agenda: March 3, 2021

C. Staff Reports

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

2. Administrative Approvals

3. Demolitions

4. Action List - 2021

In reply to Mr. Deyer, CP Dupuis said he is working on getting cost quotes for historic plaques. He said there is funding available and that he would be in favor of offering each historic resource its own plaque. He noted that plaques are also an item that can be discussed at the upcoming historic preservation workshop.

02-021-21

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Deyer

Seconded by Ms. Lang to adjourn the HDC meeting of February 3, 2021 at 7:48 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Lang, Henke, Kolo, Deyer, McCarthy

Nays: None

Absent: Willoughby

Nicholas Dupuis
City Planner