

**HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2017**  
Birmingham City Hall Commission Room  
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Study Committee (“HDSC”) held Thursday, February 9, 2017. Chairperson Gigi Debbrecht called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Paul Beshouri, Gigi Debbrecht, Patricia Lang, Michael Xenos

**Absent:** Gretchen Maricak

**Administration:** Matthew Baka, Senior Planner  
Carole Salutes, Recording Secretary

**2. ELECTION OF HDSC CHAIRPERSON** (completed on January 26, 2017)

**3. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2017 HDSC MINUTES**

**Motion by Ms. Lang**

**Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2017 as presented.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Lang, Debbrecht, Beshouri, Xenos

Nays: None

Absent: Maricak

**4. 927 PURDY**

**Historic Designation request**

Everyone said they received the photographs of the house and surrounding neighborhood that Chairperson Debbrecht posted online.

Mr. Xenos indicated that he went to the Birmingham Historical Museum and gained information on when the house changed hands in 1957 and on. Additionally, he went to the Birmingham Library, but has not heard from the

employee that he worked with there. Mr. Baka noted the Library has said they couldn't get the Sanborn Maps because of construction going on.

Mr. Beshouri said he looked online at the data bases he knows and chased down some leads in the library system at U of M at the Bentley Historic Library. However he couldn't find a photo of the house on Pierce before it was moved to Purdy. Therefore, he doesn't have any information that wasn't brought up at the last meeting.

Ms. Debbrecht spoke again about the large hand drawn map that was done some time prior to 1885. It was displayed in her office but may have been put in storage when the office moved. She will ask the office manager again to do a more detailed search, but it may be gone.

Mr. Beshouri recalled the committee's sentiment at the last meeting was they were satisfied with the body of evidence they had in terms of designating the house historic. However they wanted to take another two weeks to gather any additional information in order to make their report as high quality as possible.

Mr. Beshouri added that the Historic Images book for Birmingham has a photo of the opposite corner of Pierce, looking from Maple Rd. but the house is just out of site.

**Motion by Mr. Beshouri**

**Seconded by Ms. Lang that the Historic District Study Committee recommend historic designation for 927 Purdy and submit the preliminary report as required and schedule a public hearing.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Beshouri, Lang, Debbrecht, Xenos

Nays: None

Absent: Maricak

Chairperson Debbrecht said they will proceed with the official report that will be submitted. Mr. Baka said this item will be placed on a future Planning Board agenda. He encouraged the committee members to attend that meeting and express their support. He will invite Mr. Barrio and notification will be sent to residents within 300 ft. of the subject property.

The committee scheduled Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing on this matter. Chairperson Debbrecht agreed to call Mr. Barrio. Mr. Beshouri said he will search at the Detroit Public Library for any further information.

Chairperson Debbrecht and Ms. Lang said they will accept Mr. Barrio's invitation to tour the inside of his house.

Discussion followed regarding two designated houses in Birmingham that are currently on the market, the house on the corner of Lincoln and Southfield and the house at 544 Bates. Mr. Baka added that the purple house on Townsend is also for sale.

No further business being evident, the board members motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Matthew Baka  
Senior Planner