

**Historic District Commission**  
**Minutes Of June 2, 2021**  
Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Chair John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**1) Rollcall**

**Present:** Chair John Henke; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Keith Deyer (Harbor Springs, MI), Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang (Harbor Springs, MI), Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Members Steven Lemberg, Cassandra McCarthy; Student Representatives Charles Cusimano, Elizabeth Wiegand

All located in Birmingham, MI unless otherwise noted.

**Absent:** Board Member Natalia Dukas

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

**06-050-21**

**2) Approval Of Minutes**

**Motion by Ms. Debbrecht**  
**Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the HDC Minutes of May 19, 2021 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Willoughby, Kolo, Deyer, Debbrecht, Henke, Lang, Lemberg

Nays: None

**06-051-21**

**3) Courtesy Review**

None.

**06-052-21**

**4) Historic Design Review**

None.

**06-053-21**

**5) Sign Review**

None.

**06-054-21**

## **6) Study Session**

### **A. NAPC CAMP Commissioner Training**

CP Dupuis recommended postponing this item until Ms. Dukas was present since she wanted to discuss her experience with the training.

Chair Henke concurred.

**06-055-21**

## **7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication**

### **A. Pre-Application Discussions**

#### **1. 100 N. Old Woodward – Parks/Wooster Building**

Chair Henke recommended not holding the pre-application discussion on this item since the applicant submitted no documentation of their proposed changes beyond a memorandum from Kristine Kidorf, a consultant for the applicant, submitted the afternoon of June 2, 2021. He noted that neither the HDC nor the public would likely have had sufficient time to review the memorandum. He stated he found it disrespectful that no documentation was submitted in advance. He recommended the memorandum be made part of the public record and that the item as a whole be adjourned to the HDC's June 16, 2021 meeting.

#### **Motion by Ms. Debbrecht**

**Seconded by Mr. Deyer to adjourn discussion of 100 N. Old Woodward to the HDC's June 16, 2021 meeting.**

Victor Saroki, representing the applicant, said he meant no disrespect to the HDC by not submitting the documentation in advance. Mr. Saroki asked if Ms. Kidorf might be able to make a comment.

While Chair Henke said he did not think it was appropriate for Ms. Kidorf to provide comment presently since the motion was to adjourn the discussion, he said he would defer to opinions of the other members of the HDC.

Mr. Willoughby and Ms. Lang said they would be interested in hearing a brief comment from Ms. Kidorf.

Chair Henke said Ms. Kidorf could speak briefly.

Ms. Kidorf explained she had planned to walk to HDC through the memo and the proposed updates to the plans on the screen. She said she had just provided the memorandum in advance for reference.

Ms. Lang said she would be interested in seeing the presentation.

Chair Henke reiterated that he would not permit the applicant to present at this time since they did not submit documentation in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Saroki said he was fine with the discussion being adjourned to June 16, 2021.

Chair Henke asked Ms. Kidorf if it was her position that there was no historic significance left to 100 N. Old Woodward.

Ms. Kidorf specified that it was her position that there was no historic fabric left on the building.

As Ms. Kidorf began to expand on her position, Chair Henke intervened to offer his thanks to Ms. Kidorf and then returned the conversation to the HDC members.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Debbrecht, Deyer, Henke, Lang, Lemberg, Willoughby, Kolo

Nays: None

**2. 464 Townsend – Toms-Dickinson House**

Chair Henke noted that this item also did not have submitted documentation and said he was growing concerned with the trend of items coming before the HDC without previously-submitted plans.

CP Dupuis briefly described the proposed changes. Chair Henke said he wanted to see them at a historic design review and not administratively approved.

**B. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**

**C. Staff Reports**

Mr. Kolo asked that all available historic photographs of 100 N. Old Woodward be provided to the HDC before the June 16, 2021 meeting.

Chair Henke said that if the documentation for 100 N. Old Woodward was not submitted in time for the June 16, 2021 meeting the item should not remain on the evening's agenda.

**1. Administrative Sign Approvals**

**2. Administrative Approvals**

**3. Demolitions**

**4. Action List - 2021**

**06-056-21**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Ms. Lang**

**Seconded by Mr. Willoughby to adjourn the HDC meeting of June 2, 2021 at 7:50 p.m.**

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Lang, Willoughby, Debbrecht, Kolo, Deyer, Henke, Lemberg

Nays: None

Nicholas Dupuis  
City Planner

APPROVED