

**Historic District Commission
Minutes Of November 16, 2022**

151 Martin Street, City Commission Room 205, Birmingham, MI

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, November 16, 2022. PD Dupuis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) Rollcall

Present: Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Natalia Dukas, Patricia Lang, Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Member Steven Lemberg; Student Representative Charlie Vercellone

Absent: Chair John Henke; Board Members Keith Deyer, Dustin Kolo; Student Representative Meghan Murray

Staff: Planning Director Dupuis; City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

Noting the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, PD Dupuis asked the HDC to elect an acting chair to facilitate the meeting.

11-62-22

Motion by Ms. Dukas

Seconded by Ms. Lang to nominate Michael Willoughby to serve as acting chair for the duration of the meeting.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Debbrecht, Willoughby, Lemberg, Lang

Nays: None

2) Approval of the HDC Minutes of October 19, 2022

11-63-22

Motion by Ms. Dukas

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the HDC Minutes of October 19, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Debbrecht, Willoughby, Lemberg, Lang

Nays: None

3) Courtesy Review

4) Historic Design Review

5) Sign Review

6) Study Session

A. Historic Design Guidelines – Update

PD Dupuis stated that the next deliverable in the process would be available in December 2022 or January 2023.

7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

A. Pre-Application Discussions

1. 320 Martin – Birmingham Post Office

Kevin Biddison, architect, and Sam Surnow, developer, spoke regarding proposed changes to the project. Mr. Biddison explained the proposed changes would entail the first column at the entry sliding south, the addition of another column, the moving of the barrier-free entrance to Martin, the raising of the level of the entry floor to the current level of the post office floor, and the expansion of the building five feet to the west on the third, fourth, and fifth floors.

PD Dupuis and Messrs. Biddison and Surnow answered informational questions from the HDC.

Ms. Dukas and Mr. Lemberg said they would prefer the proposed changes be submitted for a historic design review by the HDC before voting on the appropriateness of the changes.

AC Willoughby, Ms. Debbrecht, and Ms. Lang said they were comfortable allowing the proposed changes to be administratively approved.

11-64-22

Motion by Ms. Lang

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to allow PD Dupuis to administratively approve the changes presented during the present meeting.

Motion failed, 3-2.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Debbrecht, Willoughby, Lang

Nays: Lemberg, Dukas

B. Draft Agenda

C. Staff Reports

1. Administrative Sign Approvals

2. Administrative Approvals

3. Demolitions

4. Action List 2022

8) Adjournment

No further business being evident, the HDC motioned to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.



Nicholas Dupuis
Planning Director



Laura Eichenhorn
City Transcriptionist

APPROVED