

**Historic District Commission  
Minutes Of April 20, 2022**

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Chair John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1) Rollcall**

**Present:** Chair John Henke; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang, Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Member Steven Lemberg; Student Representatives Meghan Murray, Charlie Vercellone

**Absent:** Board Members Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas; Alternate Board Member Cassandra McCarthy

**Administration:** Nicholas Dupuis, Planning Director

**04-26-22**

**2) Approval of the HDC Minutes of April 6, 2022**

**Motion by Mr. Kolo**

**Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the HDC Minutes of April 6, 2022 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

**3) Courtesy Review**

None.

**04-27-22**

**4) Historic Design Review**

**A. 148 Pierce – Telephone Exchange Building – Request for Wall Art Installation**

PD Dupuis requested a postponement of this item to May 4, 2022.

**Motion by Mr. Kolo**

**Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to postpone the Wall Art application for 148 Pierce – Telephone Exchange Building – to May 4, 2022.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Henke, Debbrecht, Lang, Kolo, Willoughby, Lemberg  
Nays: None

## 5) Sign Review

None.

04-28-22

## 6) Study Session

### A. CLG Grant – Historic Design Guidelines – RFP Response Review

PD Dupuis summarized the item and clarified the procedure for selecting consultants to interview for the Design Guidelines project.

Chair Henke agreed that the two highest ranked firms based on the evaluation sheets provided should be brought back for interviews.

Mr. Lemberg asked for clarification on the tabulation of scores from the evaluation sheets.

PD Dupuis provided a preliminary tabulation of the evaluation sheets to the Commission.

Ms. Debbrecht asked if the Request for Proposals for the project was for residential and commercial properties. She also expressed concern over the budgets provided in the responses versus the available grant funding.

PD Dupuis stated for the record that whomever the Commission were to choose, their selection would be a recommendation to the City Commission who ultimately has the final say in the selection of a firm to provide the work.

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

**Seconded by Ms. Lang to invite H2A Architects and Kraemer Design Group to the May 18, 2022 meeting of the Historic District Commission to review their respective RFP responses in-person or via Zoom.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Henke, Debbrecht, Lang, Kolo, Willoughby, Lemberg  
Nays: None

### B. Bates St. Historic District Signage (Update)

Reserved for future discussion.

## 7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

None.

- A. Pre-Application Discussions**
- B. Draft Agenda**
- C. Staff Reports**
  - 1. Administrative Sign Approvals**
  - 2. Administrative Approvals**
  - 3. Demolitions**
  - 4. Action List 2022**

04-29-22

**8) Adjournment**

**Motion by Ms. Debbrecht**

**Seconded by Ms. Lang to adjourn the HDC meeting of April 20, 2022 at 7:18 p.m.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None



Nicholas Dupuis  
Planning Director