

**Historic District Commission
Minutes Of August 2, 2023**

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held August 2, 2023. Chair 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; Alternate Board Members Mary Jaye, Steven Lemberg; Student Representative Ian Weinberg

Absent: Board Members Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas, Michael Willoughby

Staff: Planning Director Dupuis; City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

2) Approval of the HDC Minutes of June 7, 2023

08-23-23

Motion by Mr. Kolo

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the HDC Minutes of July 19, 2023 as submitted.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

3) Courtesy Review

4) Historic Design Review

5) Sign Review

6) Study Session

A. Historic Preservation Master Plan

PD Dupuis introduced the item and answered questions from the HDC.

HDC members' comments were as follows:

- Compiling an audit of the historic resources, providing some information on the restoration process, providing information on additions in a denser environment, and paying attention to buildings that will soon become historic based on age would be appropriate;
- It is necessary to use this to address the trend of demolition of older buildings in the City and creating historic districts should be emphasized;
- Using incentives to increase historic preservation would be appropriate;
- Adding additional stories to certain historical buildings would not be appropriate. More extensive publicizing of the City's historic preservation successes would be appropriate;

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- A brief explainer for purchasers of historic homes should be created; and,
- Flagging non-designated historic homes within historic districts should be flagged.

7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

A. Pre-Application Discussion

B. Draft Agenda

C. Staff Reports

- 1. Administrative Sign Approvals**
- 2. Administrative Approvals**
- 3. Demolitions**
- 4. Action List**

8) Adjournment

No further business being evident, the HDC motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.



Nick Dupuis, Planning Director



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist