

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
Municipal Building Commission Room
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Design Review Board ("DRB") held Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Chairman John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) ROLLCALL

Present: Chairman John Henke; Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Natalia Dukas, Patricia Lang, Joseph Mercurio (joined at 7:20 p.m.), Michael Willoughby; Student Representative Klea Ahmet

Absent: Alternate Board Members Dulce Fuller, Alexander Jerome

Administration: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

09-32-19

2) Approval Of Minutes

DRB Minutes of August 7, 2019 and August 21, 2019

Motion by Ms. Dukas

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to approve the DRB Minutes of August 7, 2019 and August 21, 2019 as submitted.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Debbrecht, Deyer, Henke, Lang, Willoughby

Nays: None

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3) Public Hearing

None.

09-34-19

4) Design Review

A. 525 W. Merrill (former dental office / residential building)

City Planner Dupuis and Kevin Biddison, architect for the project, presented the item.

In reply to Chairman Henke, Mr. Biddison said that in previous conversations Planning Director Ecker raised no concerns about the canopy on the east side of the building effecting the building's setbacks in a way that would necessitate Planning Board review.

City Planner Dupuis solicited Board feedback regarding the applicant's potential plans for an elevator. He clarified that the Board could specify what changes vis-a-vis this project could be administratively approved and what changes would have to return for Board review.

Motion by Mr. Willoughby

Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the plans for 525 Merrill as submitted, with permission for the elevator plans to be administratively approved as long as the plans are essentially the plans the Board reviewed this evening.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Willoughby, Lang, Dukas, Debbrecht, Deyer, Henke

Nays: None

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5) Sign Review

None.

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6) Study Session

A. Electronic Message Centers

City Planner Dupuis presented the item.

Chairman Henke and Vice-Chairman Keith Deyer commended City Planner Dupuis on his preparation of the item.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Deyer

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to recommend the presented information be forwarded to the City Commission for their consideration.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Deyer, Debbrecht, Willoughby, Lang, Dukas, Henke

Nays: None

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7) Miscellaneous Business And Communications

A. Staff Reports

1. Administrative Approvals
2. Proposed Work at 700 N. Old Woodward

City Planner Dupuis explained this was a preliminary review of the proposed work in order to decide what the appropriate application process would be. He said that one question would be whether the DRB would consider metal a high-quality material as required by ordinance.

Chairman Henke said he would like the project submitted for Board review due to the number of items involved in the planned work.

City Planner Dupuis confirmed he would work with 700 N. Old Woodward to make sure they submit a complete application in preparation for a Board review.

B. Communications

09-38-19

Adjournment

No further business being evident, the board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Nicholas Dupuis
City Planner