

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
10 North Division, Battle Creek, MI 49014
Minutes for Monday, April 11, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Commissioner Newman at 4:00 p.m.
This meeting was held in-person.

ATTENDANCE: Comm. Newman asked that attendance be noted. A roll call was taken:

Comm. Simpson, present
Comm. Newman, present
Comm. Durham, present
Comm. Reid, present
Comm. Drozdowski, present
Vice Mayor Faris, present

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Sallee

Staff Present: Marcie Gillette, Community Service Director, Travis Sullivan, Planner, Susan Cronander, Planning Administrator, Marcel Stoetzel, Deputy City Attorney, and Vanessa Hernandez, Customer Serv. Rep. II

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Previous meeting minutes submitted for approval for March 14, 2022 meeting.

MOTION MADE BY COMM. DURHAM SECONDED BY COMM. DROZDOWSKI TO APPROVE March 14, 2022 MINUTES.

A roll call vote was taken: ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELIBERATIONS:

- A) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS H-04-22:** Alliance Architects, 929 Lincoln Way East Suite 200 South Bend, Indiana 46601, for a certificate of appropriateness for the exterior of the building to be entirely renovated in order to improve thermal efficiency, eliminate embedded hazardous materials, create a new entry point, add daylighting on the Northwest side, and re-establish the appearance of the structure as contextually appropriate, turn of the century, fabric building that enhances the downtown as a whole. For property located at 56 E Michigan Ave. Parcel # 0258-00-041-0.

Commissioner Newman asked to open the public hearing and asked if the petitioner for #H-04-22 on the agenda was present.

Applicant Presentation: Andy Mollison, on behalf of Alliance Architects, 929 Lincoln Way East Suite 200 South Bend, Indiana 46601, proposing a number items that will make the building have a consistent look with the area and make the building durable.

Staff Presentation: Presentation given by Travis Sullivan, Planner stated staff recommends approval of #H-04-22 as outlined in the staff report with the recommended condition. The request meets the standards outlined in Chapter 1470.09 “Review of Applications” and Chapter 1470.17 “Preservation of Historic Features” and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines as outlined in the staff report, including two conditions listed in the staff report.

Public Comment: None

HDC Discussion:

Commissioner Durham observed that the applicant brought materials samples and asked applicant to walk the board through the samples.

Commissioner Simpson asked if owners were present and if they were happy with the design. Also asked if the art behind the building was going to be salvage and if not that if it can be preserve for future viewing, perhaps in a digital form.

MOTION WAS MADE: BY COMMISSIONER DROZDOWSKI AND SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON TO APPROVE #H-04-22 WITH THE CONDITIONS OULINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN: ALL IN FAVOR (5-0), NONE OPPOSED, MOTION APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUINESS:

A) ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL QUARTERLY STAFF REPORT

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Newman adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.