



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Design Review Board

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, August 15, 2018

3:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St,
Basement, conference room

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Also Present:

City Planner, Alexis DiLeo

Planning Manager, Brett Lenart

Paul Fontaine

Present 5 - Richard (Dick) Mitchell, Tamara Burns, William Kinley,
Geoffrey M. Perkins, and Gary Cooper

Absent 1 - Lori Singleton

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously as presented.

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F NEW BUSINESS

F-1 [18-1405](#) Discussion with Future Applicant about an Application to be Submitted at a
Later Date

Attachments: Materials Submitted for Discussion- Library Lane .pdf

*The Design Review Board discussed the massing concepts for the
pending Collective on 5th design plan on August 15, 2018.*

*1. The Board agrees with and supports the chosen massing concept Z as
presented or as slightly modified.*

2. The Board agrees and supports a planned project modification to increase the height limit to achieve a more elegant, more architecturally pleasing, more beneficial development than what could be achieved at the current height limit.

Reviewed and Filed

F-2 [18-1406](#) Discussion on Evaluation of Design Review Process for Downtown Buildings

Attachments: City Council Resolution to Direct Planning Commission to Evaluate Design Review Process for Downtown.pdf

Lenart explained that in a July 2018 a City Council Resolution directed staff to evaluate the Design Review Process and prepare a report to submit on October 15, 2018.

The Board and staff discussed the following:

- Measuring public awareness/increased public awareness of architecture and other design values*
- The impacts of zoning changes on the design review process*
- Implementation of a two stage design review process*
- Building design in other cities*
- Best practices of design review*

Received and Filed

G **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

H **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

[18-1409](#) Various Communication to the Design Review Board

Received and Filed

I **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Ethel Potts, urged the Board to identify designs that they think are a bad idea, and to think about how they would have treated development that was approved differently. She provided examples of development that could have been prevented.

Peter Honeyman, expressed that the number of options for the Library Lot is overwhelming, he discussed the proposed designs, and explained that there are differing opinions among the neighbors. He expressed satisfaction with the negotiations.

J ADJOURNMENT