

Alanis, Sarah

Subject: FW: Being on the ZBA

From: Chris Fraleigh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:13 PM
To: Kowalski, Matthew <MKowalski@a2gov.org>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Being on the ZBA

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

This message was sent from outside of the City of Ann Arbor. Please do not click links, open attachments, or follow directions unless you recognize the source of this email and know the content is safe.

Good Morning Candice, Dave and Matt.

Chris Fraleigh here, Vice-Chair of the ZBA. I want to make sure you get this directly from me because as the Chair, most senior member and the Staff Support of the ZBA you deserve this. It is important that I advise you of my tough decision to stand down from the ZBA. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

This is my last term at Eastern Michigan University in the Urban & Regional Planning Department working toward my Master's degree and I am in process on a large research paper, demanding real amounts of time. Add to that a very daunting new job with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network as their Executive Director. And because that's not enough, a health scare has shown me that despite my distaste, I am indeed late in my 50s.

These goings-on place me on a learning curve this Fall which seems less like a curve and more like a wall. It is a learning period for me the like of which I have not encountered previously. The combination of how to manage an older body, creating meaningful GIS analysis and leaning to be an executive director leaves little to no time in my life to be on the ZBA. Indeed, I was planning on being present for last month's meeting and I am guilty of letting my schedule get completely out of control by midday, ruining my ability to get there for the meeting. The realization at 5:30 that I was still in Lansing hit me like a brick. I offer no excuses, only an apology.

My apologies to my fellow Board members and to the Department, all of whom I have let down and I am in their debt. I am learning that I cannot do the number of things currently on my plate and as I used to be able, even though I enjoy the work of the ZBA. It's where the rubber meets the road in the planning world and has been invaluable to my understanding of the planning process within my program. Nonetheless, I am resigning from the ZBA as I am over scheduled. I have very much enjoyed my time with you. I respect your work.

Humbly,

Chris Fraleigh



Chris Fraleigh

Executive Director

Michigan Historic Preservation Network

Phone: S [REDACTED] | Email: [REDACTED]

313 E César E. Chávez Avenue | Lansing, MI 48906

www.mhpn.org