



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes - Draft
Historic District Commission

301 E. Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, January 9, 2025

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council Chambers

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A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rochlen called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM stating:

Welcome to the Thursday, January 9, 2025, in-person and electronic (hybrid) meeting of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission. Public comment will be via in-person, via Zoom or via telephone. To speak during any of the public comment opportunities please call 877-853-5247 (Toll Free) or 213-338-8477 and enter meeting ID 965 3669 9762. This information is also available on the published agenda, in the public notices section of the city website, and on the broadcast of this meeting on CTN channel 16, AT&T channel 99, and online at www.a2gov.org/watchctn.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner Jill Thacher called the roll.

Present: 4 - Chair David Rochlen, Benjamin Calderon, Chip Smith, and Steve Kaplan

Absent: 2 - Kathryn Fortener, and Jennifer Ross

Others present:

City Planner, Mariana Melin-Corcoran

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Seeing no speakers at this time Chair Rochlen closed the Public Comment.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

F. HEARINGS

F-1. [25-0002](#) HDC24-0170; 415 W William Street, radon system, OWSHD

Attachments: 415 W William SR w Attachments.pdf

STAFF PRESENTATION:

City Planner Mariana Melin-Corcoran presented the staff report. [See attached in agenda packet]

REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Commissioners Steve Kaplan and David Rochlen visited the site as part of their review. They reported their findings and recommendations to the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The applicant was present via zoom to respond to the Commission's enquiries. Noting no speakers, the Chair declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Commissioner Chip Smith and Commissioner Benjamin Calderon that:

I move that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application at 415 W William Street, a contributing structure in the Old West Side Historic District, to install a radon mitigation system near the northeast corner of the building, on the condition

that the entire radon unit is painted to match the exterior color. As conditioned, the work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, materials, and relationship to the building and the surrounding area and meets The City of Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines for mechanical equipment, and The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, in particular standards 2, 9 and 10, and the guidelines for mechanical systems.

Commission Discussion:

The Commission took into consideration the presented application and discussed the matter. [For a complete record of the discussion, please see available video format.]

On a voice vote the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried. **Vote 4-0.**

Yeas: 4 - Chair Rochlen, Calderon, Smith, and Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Secretary Fortener, and Ross

G. **NEW BUISNESS**

G-1. **25-0003** Design Guidelines Assignment and Review

Commissioners reviewed the content of the chapter and discussed any proposed changes. [For a complete record of the discussion, please see available video format.]

H. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

H-1. **25-0004** December 12, 2024 HDC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: FINAL HDC 12-12-2024 Meeting Minutes.pdf

The December 12, 2024 Historic District Commission meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

I. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

J. ASSIGNMENTS

- J-1.** **25-0005** Review Committee: Monday, February 10, 2025 at 12pm, for the Thursday, February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner Jill Thacher noted that the Thursday, February 13, 2025 meeting may be rescheduled for earlier in the week and that the Monday, February 10, 2025 HDC Review Committee will be postponed until the meeting is rescheduled.

K. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

L. CONCERNS OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Received and filed.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:41 PM.

David Rochlen, Chairperson
Jill Thacher, HDC Preservation Coordinator/ Principal Planner
Mariana Melin-Corcoran, City Planner
Brittany Alexander, Administrative Assistant

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