

City of Ann Arbor

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Council Action

Resolution: R-11-025

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Resolution Approving the Downtown Ann Arbor Design Guidelines and Design Review Program

Whereas, Resolution R-10-012 requested the creation of the Design Guidelines Task Force to develop Design Guidelines for downtown Ann Arbor, as well as a plan for integration of the Guidelines into the City's planning and development process;

Whereas, Resolution R-10-405 extended the timeline for the Task Force to provide a recommendation to City Council until February 22, 2011; and

Whereas, The Design Guidelines Task Force has recommended approval of the Downtown Ann Arbor Design Guidelines, and has recommended that the Design Review Program Outline be incorporated into City Ordinance and that participation in the review process be mandatory, with compliance with the Guidelines being voluntary;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the Downtown Ann Arbor Design Guidelines, dated January 12, 2011;

RESOLVED, That City Council endorse the attached Design Review Board Program Outline as recommended by the Design Guidelines Task Force, and direct the Planning and Development Services Unit and the Planning Commission to draft ordinances incorporating the Design Review Program Outline into Ann Arbor City Code;

RESOLVED, That City Council direct that the Design Review Board Program Outline be immediately implemented as a voluntary process, until such time that the ordinance requirements can be put into place, and that those submitting site plan petitions for projects in the D1 and D2 zoning districts be asked to participate in the process;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint the following individuals to serve on the Design Review Committee, which shall perform the duties of the Design Review Board as stated in the Design Guidelines and in the Design Review Board Program Outline until such time that the Design Review Board is created by ordinance:

Chet Hill (Landscape Architect)
Mary Jukari (Landscape Architect)
Richard Mitchell (Architect)
Tamara Burns (Architect)
Paul Fontaine (Planner)
William Kinley (Developer)
Geoff Perkins (Contractor)

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RESOLVED, That it is the intent of City Council that the members of the Design Review Committee will be named as the members of the Design Review Board once the Design Review Program is incorporated into City Ordinance;

RESOLVED, That the Committee or Board provide a report to Council within one year regarding the effectiveness of the Design Review Program and any changes to the Guidelines; and

RESOLVED, That the Design Guidelines Task Force has completed its charge and is dissolved effective upon approval of the Design Guidelines.

At a meeting of the City Council on 2/7/2011, a motion was made by Marcia Higgins, seconded by Margie Teall, that this Resolution R-11-025 be Approved. The motion passed.