

ANN ARBOR DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

November 16, 2016

Action Minutes

Members Present: Tamara Burns (Chair), Bill Kinley (Vice Chair), Gary Cooper, Dick Mitchell, Geoff Perkins, Lori Singleton

Members Absent: Paul Fontaine

Staff Present: Alexis DiLeo

Meeting Started: 3:05 p.m.

Agenda – Approved

Approval of Minutes – Approved (Moved by Perkins, Seconded by Mitchell; 6 yes, 0 no.)

The October 19, 2016 Design Review Board Meeting Minutes were approved as prepared. The November 3, 2016 Recommendation Letter to The Collegian East (project no. DR16-016) was approved as prepared.

Unfinished Business – E-1 The Collegian East at 1209 South University Avenue Design Review

Sean Havera of Hughes Properties and Michael Decoster and Corissa Leveille of Hamilton Anderson Associates introduced themselves as the design team and described the changes made to the project since the Board's discussion on October 19, 2016.

The Board continued to offer comments on the design. The required height of the streetwall was discussed, as well as the streetwall height for this particular building that makes the most sense for its context. The Board was concerned the retail entrance was not easily identifiable. Concern was also expressed about how there is no anchoring column on left side of the streetwall and that overall the proposed streetwall seemed arbitrary. The Board expressed appreciation for the design team's efforts to address their suggestions made on October 16, 2016.

The Board found the revised materials satisfactorily addressed the recommendations provided in their letter dated October 16, 2016.

Public commentary on E-1 was offered by Ray Detter of North Division Street and the Downtown Citizens Advisory Council.

New Business – None

Communications – DiLeo advised the Board on the status of recently discussed projects and when they may be scheduled for public hearings by the Planning Commission.

Public Commentary (General) – None

Adjournment – 4:05 pm

Prepared by Alexis DiLeo, City Planner
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