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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
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DIRECTOR

BARRIER FREE DESIGN BOARD

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APPROVED 05/13/2021

MINUTES

March 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY*

- Mr. Jamal Al, City of Dearborn, Wayne County, MI
- Mr. Frank Bayer, Township of Clinton, Macomb County, MI
- Ms. Lisa Franklin, City of Dearborn, Wayne County, MI
- Mr. Mark Loch, City of Livonia, Wayne County, MI
- Mr. Christopher MacKay, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Mr. Jeffrey Eischen
- Mr. Michael Powell
- Ms. Jamie Spore
- Vacant Architect

*Each attending member stated they were attending remotely.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

- Mr. Keith Lambert, Director, Administration, BCC
- Mr. Jon Paradine, Chief, Building and Permits Division, BCC
- Ms. Sheila Hartfield, Architect, Building and Permits Division, BCC
- Ms. Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Services Division, BCC
- Ms. Sara Leiby, Secretary, Administrative Services Division, BCC

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board Member MacKay called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. COMMUNICATION PROCEEDURES

Board Member MacKay informed the meeting participants of the communication procedures.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Loch and **SECONDED** by Board Member Al to approve the agenda. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 21, 2021 - Open Session Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Franklin and **SECONDED** by Board Member Loch to approve the open session minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. January 21, 2021 - Closed Session Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Loch and **SECONDED** by Board Member Franklin to approve the closed session minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairperson

None of the Board Members expressed an interest in the Chairperson position; therefore, this item will continue to be tabled.

B. Vice Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Al and **SECONDED** by Board Member Franklin to nominate Board Member MacKay as Vice Chairperson. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. MEET AND GREET WITH LARA ADMINISTRATION

As the representatives from LARA Administration were unable to attend the meeting due to an unforeseen circumstance, this item will be tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

7. EXCEPTION APPLICATION

A. PR2020BFD-000005, Maple Professional Building

Mr. Ronald Thomas' Application for Barrier Free Design Rule Exception for the Maple Professional Building was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of Section 410.1 of the 2015 Michigan Rehabilitation Code (MRHC) and Sections 1107.1 and 1107.4 of the 2015 Michigan Building Code (MBC).

Mr. Thomas, 100 Maple LLC, provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson MacKay and **SECONDED** by Board Member Loch to approve Mr. Thomas' application for the Maple Professional Building as submitted. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, and MacKay; Nay: Board Member Loch) **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. PR2020BFD-000006, Allegan County Courthouse 5140

Mr. Andrew Howard's Application for Barrier Free Design Rule Exception for the Allegan County Courthouse 5140 was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of Section 1105.1.4 of the 2015 MBC.

Mr. Howard, GMB Architecture + Engineering, Mr. Steve Sedore, Allegan County, and Mr. Bret Rietkerk, PCI, provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Al and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson MacKay to approve Mr. Howard's application for the Allegan County Courthouse 5140 as submitted. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. PR2020BFD-000007, iFLY Indoor Skydiving

Mr. Mason Becker's Application for Barrier Free Design Rule Exception for iFLY Indoor Skydiving was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of Section 404.2.2 of the 2009 ICC/ANSI A117.1 and Sections 1103.1 and 1104.3 of the 2015 MBC.

Mr. Becker, Arco Murray National Denver, Mr. Kyle Benesh, SkyVenture, LLC Engineering Project Manager, Mr. Justin Waldron, iFLY Manufacturer, Mr. Billy Adams, iFLY, and Mr. Charles Boulard, City of Novi Building Official provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Loch and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson MacKay to approve Mr. Becker's application for iFLY Indoor Skydiving as the applicant has a plan to get each participant in the chamber and these facilities are all over the country. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. PR2021BFD-000001, Heritage Hill Dental

Mr. Matthew Lieto's Application for Barrier Free Design Rule Exception for Heritage Hill Dental was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of Sections 806.1 and 410.1 of the 2015 MRHC.

Mr. Lieto, Heritage Hill Dental, Mr. Dwayne Masselink, Architect, and Mr. Mark Fleet, City of Grand Rapids Building Official provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson MacKay and

SECONDED by Board Member Bayer to approve Mr. Lieto's application for Heritage Hill Dental as there would be no benefit to the community if the application were denied. A denial would only be punitive. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Lambert reported on the following:

Director Lambert and Deputy Director Gensler will begin to have quarterly meetings with the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of each of the Bureau's Boards and Commissions.

The Bureau initiated a six-month temporary project to reduce the residential builder complaint backlog.

Chief Paradine explained the Bureau's review process of the Applications for Barrier Free Design Rule Exception. The Board is provided all supporting materials submitted with the applications and only the Board has the authority to grant approval of an Application for Barrier Free Design Rule Exception.

Ms. Leiby explained that each agenda item is bookmarked and labeled with the respective agenda number within the meeting packets.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE - MAY 13, 2021

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 702 West Kalamazoo Street in the 1st Floor Forum on May 13, 2021.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Al and **SECONDED** by Board Member Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. (Aye: Board Members Al, Bayer, Franklin, Loch, and MacKay; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**