



**City of Birmingham Design Review Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2022**

**Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall**

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Applicants please note: The decisions of the Design Review Committee (the Committee) are binding. It is each applicant's responsibility to see that the decisions of the Committee are carried out as stipulated. Any changes or deviations from the Committee's decision, including but not limited to: colors, forms, configurations, materials, assemblies or any other aspects of the approved work shall not be undertaken by the applicant or the applicant's agent unless said changes are approved by the Committee beforehand. Under the terms of City ordinance, any change or deviation from work approved by the Committee constitutes a violation of the ordinance and renders the applicant subject to citation with penalties as prescribed by a city magistrate. In addition, please note that prior to obtaining any permit(s), all applicants must meet with Zoning staff to determine compliance with the Zoning regulations. Design Review approval does NOT mean that Zoning has approved the request.

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**Members Present:** Abra Barnes, Scott Burnett, Creig Hoskins, Richard Mauk, Shelia Montgomery-Mills, Brian Wolfe

**Members Absent:** Ivan Holloway, Willie Oliver, Chris Swain, Ben Wieseman

**Staff Present:** Charles Bradley, Karla Calvert, Lauren Havard, John Sims

**Others Present:** Susan Barron, Jerone Bibb, Suzanne Bibb, Sam Currie, Rebecca Dobrinski, Tamara Erskine, Eric Gardner, Dave Giddens, Skip Kennedy, Fred Miller, Henson Millsap, Roger Morse, Richard Swartz, Jake Threatt, Kenny Wood

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 11/16/22 meeting were ready. Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes. Barnes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**I. Name:** Mr. Jake Threatt (ALR Construction)

**Site Address:** 4340 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**District:** Avondale Park Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** Installation of new front and other exterior door; replacement of metal handrail with wooden handrail; replacement of aluminum window with a vinyl window; installation of new exterior light fixture; and painting as needed

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved.

On December 5, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Avondale Park



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Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 4340 6<sup>th</sup> Av. S, and the Committee took the following action: Approve.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve the design review request for the following reasons:

Applicant submitted a revised plan that is recommended by the Committee. The revised plan is to repair and restore the metal handrail in front of the house and keep the existing door on the front of the house. All other items proposed by the applicant are recommended by the local committee.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.
3. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation, or demolition, in whole or in part: Will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect any significant architectural feature of the resource.
4. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation, or demolition, in whole or in part: Will be compatible with the exterior features of other improvements within the District.

Mr. Threatt presented his plan to replace a window to accommodate the new kitchen layout, and add a copper gas lantern to the front of the house to the left of the front door. Wolfe asked if the replacement window would match the existing windows' configuration. Mr. Threatt said yes.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.

**Motion seconded by:** Hoskins

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**II.**

**Name:** Mr. Louis Aller

**Site Address:** 3528 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

**District:** Norwood Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** ~~Installing new hardiboard siding, repairing rotten wood on back of house and reframing rear as required; upgrading and reinforcing posts to code; and replacing rear roof shingles to match those on the front of the house~~



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**Statements:** This item was removed from the agenda.

**III.**

**Name:** Mr. Louis Aller

**Site Address:** ~~3530 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North~~

**District:** ~~Norwood Local Historic District~~

**Requesting approval for:** ~~Installing new hardiboard siding, repairing rotten wood on back of house and reframing rear as required; upgrading and reinforcing posts to code; and replacing rear roof shingles to match those on the front of the house~~

**Statements:** This item was removed from the agenda.

**IV.**

**Name:** Mr. Kenneth B. Wood (Kennedy Interiors & More, Inc.)

**Site Address:** 4348 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**District:** Forest Park Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** Raising the roof and windows; installing new concrete shingles; and replacing the existing porches, including installing new brick and mortar on the porches

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions.

On December 12, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Forest Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 4348 10th Av. S, and the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with Conditions the design review request for the following reasons:  
Applicant's plan is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.

The Local Historic Advisory Committee also voted to request that the following conditions be placed upon this request:

1. Maintain the same dimension from the top of the window sash or header of all new dormer windows as the original. Adjust the overall window height to maintain similar vertical proportion (lower sill).
2. New dormers to match original dormers. Match fascia and rake detail. Match existing overhang dimension and rafter tail detail. Exterior material at all dormers to be true stucco.
3. All new windows to match replacement window in size and muntin pattern. Windows



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to be mulled together in the same configuration as replacement.

Stucco finish at water table base to remain.

4. Headers (Lintels) above windows to be solid course brick as original not cast stone as rendered in drawings.

5. Infill below new rear deck with vertical open battens as shown on the original stoop.

6. New side rear gable on Essex Elevation to match existing adjacent gable. Match fascia and rake detail. Match existing overhang dimension and open rafter tail detail.

7. Side porch to have solid brick knee wall with limestone or cast stone cap.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.

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Mauk asked if the applicant agreed to all the conditions set forth by the LHAC. Mr. Wood said yes. Mr. Wood stated that he wanted to raise the roof on the home so that he could fit mechanical units in the attic space. He also stated that he wanted to add a canopy to the side porch. He stated that he wanted to replace the windows. He stated that the windows would be aluminum clad wood windows. Mr. Wood stated that he would be replacing the cement shingles with terra cotta shingles. Wolfe advised the applicant that the color of the roof needed to remain the same. Mr. Wood stated that the roof was red cement right now but would be red terra cotta. The applicant state that he would resubmit (to permitting) the most up-to-date redrawn plans reflecting a brick knee wall with a limestone cap on the side porch.

**Motion:** Wolfe made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.

**Motion seconded by:** Burnett

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.



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- V.       **Name:** Mr. Richard Swartz  
          **Site Address:** 2173 Highland Avenue  
          **District:** Five Points South  
          **Requesting approval for:** Revised Master Plan (Last heard on 3/10/21)

**Statements:** Mr. Swartz presented his plan to add signage to the Cortland Vesta building. He stated that he wanted to add a building sign to the top of the building to address the Highway 31 traffic. Mauk asked if the sign would be illuminated. Mr. Swartz stated that it would be lit. Sims stated that a variance would probably be needed to allow a sign this large. Hoskins asked what the materials of the sign would be. Mr. Swartz stated that the sign would be aluminum with a faux Corten finish with internally lit cabinet letters mounted on the sign. Montgomery-Mills stated that more information would be needed for approval. Wolfe also stated that dimensions are needed on the drawings as well.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to table this case over pending more information (dimensioned elevation drawing, exterior details, and better pictures).

**Motion seconded by:** Wolfe

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

- VI.       **Name:** Mr. Joe Demaras  
          **Site Address:** 1620 Reverend Abraham Woods Jr. Boulevard  
          **District:** Downtown Northwest  
          **Requesting approval for:** Renovation (Carried over from the 10/12/22 DRC meeting)

**Statements:** Mr. Demaras presented his plan to add a 6' wooden privacy fence to the front of his property. He stated that he was also going to add new access stairs and decks to the rear of the building. Mr. Demaras stated that the decks would have a clear coat stain. Montgomery-Mills asked what color the railings would be. Mr. Demaras stated that the railings would be black metal railings. Mr. Demaras stated that he would be replacing the windows, and he would prefer them to be white vinyl windows. Mauk verified that the brick would not be painted.

**Motion:** Hoskins made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

**Motion seconded by:** Montgomery-Mills

**Discussion:** Wolfe asked about the purpose of the fence. Mr. Demaras stated that they wanted their tenants to feel safer. Burnett disagreed and stated that the fence might encourage crime.



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**Vote:** The motion carried. Wolfe and Burnett voted against.

**VII. Name:** Mr. Henson Millsap

**Site Address:** 1200 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South (Dogtopia of Parkside)

**District:** Midtown

**Requesting approval for:** Construction of a fenced outdoor play area

**Statements:** Mr. Millsap presented his plan to add a small fenced area adjacent to his building. He stated that play area would be approximately 900 square feet. Montgomery-Mills asked what the material of the fence would be. Mr. Millsap stated that the fence would be white vinyl, and would be 8' tall. He then showed the Committee a sample of the fence material. Wolfe asked if there would be a shade structure included. Mr. Millsap stated that he wasn't asking for that at this time. Montgomery-Mills verified that there wouldn't be any gaps in the fence.

**Motion:** Wolfe made a motion to approve the fence as submitted.

**Motion seconded by:** Barnes

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Name:** ~~Mr. Aaron Smith~~

~~**Site Address:** 1237 33<sup>rd</sup> Street North~~

~~**District:** Norwood Local Historic District~~

~~**Requesting approval for:** Repairing siding, replacing windows, painting, and replacing porch floor~~

**Statements:** This item was removed from the agenda.

**IX. Name:** Mr. Fred Miller and Mr. Daryl J. Daniels

**Site Address:** 1622 31<sup>st</sup> Street North

**District:** Norwood Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** Demolition of the current structure and construction of a new house

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions.

On December 10, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 1622 31st St N , and



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the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with Conditions the design review request for the following reasons:

Page 13-Item D-Demolition

*“Demolition of a building or structure listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure is prohibited, unless the property is in a condition deteriorated beyond the point of reasonable repair, or has suffered structural damage that affects the majority of the building or structure. Also, no demolition permits shall be issued for any building or structure until plans have been reviewed and approved by the Design Review Committee for both the appearance and use of the site after the requested demolition.”* See conditions below The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district’s design guidelines:

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The Local Historic Advisory Committee also voted to request that the following conditions be placed upon this request:

1. Committee did not feel that despite the damage that the existing house as a whole was beyond the point of reasonable repair. However, because no structural engineer is represented on the Norwood Historic Advisory Committee and the applicant has obtained a stamped letter from a licensed engineer, the committee must concede that the property must not be salvageable. Section D-Demolition in the Norwood Historic Preservation plan indicates that no demolition permits shall be issued for any building or structure until plans have been reviewed and approved by the Design Review Committee for the both the appearance and use of the site after the requested demolition. The committee feels that in order to not delay the applicant’s project unnecessarily that demolition could proceed, under the condition that all conditions listed here can be addressed under a revision of the application for the committee to further review.

2. The proposed application, while thorough, was missing some key information in order for the committee to feel confident in the approval of the design as presented.

1. The main level of the existing house is currently at the same grade as the alley behind the house. The site slopes from the front of the house to the street level at 31st St N. The proposed elevation drawings indicate that the new construction would include a walk out daylight basement and a garage. Based on the existing site conditions significant grading will need to be done between the alley and the new house, current drawings do not show any indication of grading or retaining walls that will be necessary. Applicant should resubmit drawings showing any necessary site modifications required in order to





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accommodate the proposed design.

2. Applicant should submit material used for any required retaining walls.

3. Applicant should clarify where the two proposed siding materials will be used on the new home.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

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The applicant presented his plan to demolish an existing house and build a new house in Norwood. The applicant stated that he would be replacing the basement cinderblock wall with poured concrete. Hoskins verified that the applicant would be using the existing foundation footprint. Burnett verified that the current house does not have a walk-out basement, but the proposed house would have a walk-out basement. Burnett stated that a grading plan would be required to approve this plan. Hoskins stated that a civil engineer would need to help with the grading plan.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to approve this proposal conceptually, so that the applicant can go ahead and demolish the home. The applicant would need to return with a grading plan and retaining wall.

**Motion seconded by:** Hoskins

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

- X. Name:** Mr. Eric Gardner  
**Site Address:** 1509 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
**District:** Downtown Northwest  
**Requesting approval for:** Demolition

**Statements:** Mr. Gardner stated that he wanted to demolish his 12-unit apartment





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complex, and grade it. The apartment complex is across the street from the A.G. Gaston Motel. He stated that eight of the units were already boarded up and closed. Mauk asked what Mr. Gardner intended to do with the lot once the building is demolished. Mr. Gardner stated that he would grade and seed the lot until he could sell it. Mauk asked if this complex was a contributing structure. Calvert stated that this was a contributing structure. Sims stated that the Committee had approved demolishing contributing structures in the past.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to table this proposal pending a working session.

**Motion seconded by:** Hoskins

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion failed to pass.

Montgomery-Mills stated that the Committee needed to understand how and why this building is contributing to the District. Sims stated that the A.G. Gaston Motel and the National Park Service have no intentions of using this property as it is.

**Motion:** Wolfe made a motion to table this case pending more information on the structure's contributing status to the district, as there is a need to understand the nature of its contribution as a contributing structure.

**Motion seconded by:** Burnett

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Name:** Mr. Kurtis Hammond (KD Hammond Construction)

**Site Address:** 3108 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

**District:** Norwood Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** Design changes (windows) to proposal approved at the June 8, 2022 DRC meeting (justification for work performed in non-conformance to previously approved plans)

**Statements:** The applicant was not present. Calvert stated that this project had been previously approved, but that changes were made to the design in the meantime that have not been approved. She stated that this was an enforcement case. She stated that there were many changes to the windows on the home that were different from what had been approved. She stated that the applicant was supposed to be present at the meeting to present his justification for the design changes. She also stated that the LHAC denied the design changes.

On December 7, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood



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Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3108 15th Ave. N, and the Committee took the following action: Deny.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Deny the design review request for the following reasons:

Page 19-Item U-Windows

*"The windows of a historic home are an important feature of the home's architecture. For that reason, every effort should be made to preserve and maintain original windows, including the original opening, window frame and sash. Replacement of entire windows shall be discouraged. However, where window replacement is unavoidable because of deterioration, new frame units are to match the original window in terms of material, style, light pattern (design), construction and proportions."*

1. The following passage is taken from the conditions in the review of the original application written June 3, 2022: Proposed Anderson 100 wood composite windows are approved, but between the glass muntions should not be used. Windows must be true divided light or simulated divided light as required by the Norwood Historic Preservation Plan. Windows on the upper level on the home should match the original 4 over 1 configuration. All other windows should match the original configuration.

2. Several of the original windows have been replaced with new windows that do not match the size and/or the location of the original windows. In addition, several of the existing windows were eliminated. Therefore, the committee is unable to issue an approval for the renovation as it stands.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district's design guidelines:

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The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.

2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.

3. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation, or demolition, in whole or in part: Will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect any significant architectural feature of the resource.

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District.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to table this proposal because the applicant was not present.

**Motion seconded by:** Wolfe

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

- XII. Name:** Mr. Jeremiah Wade (The Mulberry Studio)  
**Site Address:** 3835 Redmont Road  
**District:** Red Mountain Suburbs Local Historic District  
**Requesting approval for:** Landscape plan (continued from the 2/23/2022 DRC meeting); Revisions (final) to new construction plans approved conceptually at the 2/9/2022 DRC meeting

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved.

On Dec 6th, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Redmont Local District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3835 Redmont Road, and the Committee took the following action: Approve.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
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Mr. Giddens presented his landscaping plan and new site plan. He stated that the new plan was needed because the grading didn't work in the old plan. He stated that he wanted to preserve and repair the moss rock guardrail at the road. He also stated that he would build a moss rock retaining wall that would be about 16' tall, since the house will sit so far below the road. Montgomery-Mills asked Havard if the landscaping complied.



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Havard stated that the landscaping was approved.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to approve this proposal as presented in agreement with the LHAC.

**Motion seconded by:** Hoskins

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

- XIII. Name:** Ms. Susan Barron (B Group Architecture)  
**Site Address:** 3815 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
**District:** Avondale Park Local Historic District  
**Requesting approval for:** New townhouse development

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved.

On December 7, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Avondale Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3815 3<sup>rd</sup> Av. S, and the Committee took the following action: Approve.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve the design review request for the following reasons: Applicant's revised plan is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the neighborhood/district.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.
3. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation, or demolition, in whole or in part: Will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect any significant architectural feature of the resource.
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Ms. Barron presented her plan to build fifteen townhomes on the site. She stated that the townhomes would be multistory. She also stated that the grading on the site would be tricky. Ms. Barron stated that the development would be gated. Ms. Barron stated that



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the parking for this development would be a combination of surface parking and garage parking. She stated that in addition to the vehicular entrance, there would be two pedestrian entrances. Mauk asked if the retaining wall along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue would remain. Ms. Barron stated that it would be removed and replaced with a poured in place concrete wall. Mauk asked if Ms. Barron was asking for final approval. She said yes. Burnett asked if Ms. Barron was concerned about stacking cars at the entrance. She said that there was plenty of room and she wasn't concerned.

Mauk asked what materials and colors would be used. Ms. Barron stated that the walls would be a combination of stucco and board and batten and would be painted one of four colors. She also stated that the roof would be dimensional shingles. She stated that the street facing windows would be metal clad wood windows, and the interior windows would be vinyl. Mauk asked if there would be a fence. Ms. Barron stated that there wouldn't be a fence along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, just the retaining wall. She stated that there would be fencing along the other sides, and each of the patios would have railings. Hoskins asked if there was any space between the building façade and the retaining wall. Ms. Barron stated that there would be about 8' of green space. Ms. Barron stated that there would be a fence on top of the retaining wall along the alley because of the fall height. Montgomery-Mills asked how tall the patio railing was. Ms. Barron stated that it would be 36" tall.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, on the condition that if the applicant finds that they need fall protection, that the case will return for approval.

**Motion seconded by:** Wolfe

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**XIV. Name:** Ms. Tamera Erskine (Attorney/Webster Henry) on behalf of Mr. Byron Studdard, Katie Pepin, and Colonial Investors LLC

**Site Address:** 1421 33<sup>rd</sup> Street North

**District:** Norwood Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** Modified proposal with new information from the original proposal reviewed at the 8/24/2022 DRC meeting -- Painting of brick, fascia, soffit, porch ceiling, and trim; Removing vinyl soffit and vinyl from porch ceiling and replacing it with Plybead plywood; and Installing wood window trim (Tabled from the Oct. 26, 2022 DRC meeting); Financial hardship exception

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions.



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On October 19, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 1421 33rd St. N, and the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with Conditions the design review request for the following reasons:

Page 15-Item K-Materials

*"Alternative materials shall not be used unless such materials visually replicate the original exterior in appearance, dimensions, texture, etc. to every degree possible."* See conditions below

Page 16-Item L-Paint

*"Colors shall be compatible with the age and style of the house. Previously painted brick shall not be painted except in cases where repair has been so extensive as to be visually distracting. Previously painted brick and stone may be repainted."*

See conditions below

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district's design guidelines:

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The Local Historic Advisory Committee also voted to request that the following conditions be placed upon this request:

1. The proposed plywood sheets are approved as an alternative material for the soffits, porch ceiling and interior face of the porch frieze. All joints between panels should be caulked or filled to maintain a more uniform look similar to historic beadboard. All other trim elements that may need to be replaced must match the original.
2. Committee agrees that the unfortunate brick repairs on the rear of the house are done in a way in which they are visually distracting to the facade. Because this repair was done prior to the current owner's purchase an exception can be made to allow for the applicant to finish painting the brick. Paint must be suitable for masonry application.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

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Ms. Erskine presented her case for a financial hardship exception. Her request was to allow the owner of the home to continue painting the home because of the mismatched brick and mortar and because of the exorbitant cost of removing the paint. She stated that the quote she received stated that it would cost \$77,000 to remove the paint from the brick. Wolfe asked what method would be used to remove the paint. Ms. Erskine stated that it would be a combination of sand blasting and chemical removal. Ms. Erskine went on to say that they removed the paint from a sample area, and the sand blasting damaged the brick and discolored the mortar.

**Motion:** Hoskins made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted, in agreement with the LHAC.

**Motion seconded by:** Montgomery-Mills

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried, Burnett voted against.

**XV. Name:** Mr. Peter Gluck, Ms. Leia Price, and Mr. Sam Currie (Gluck Plus)

**Site Address:** 2411 Henrietta Road

**District:** Red Mountain Suburbs Local Historic District

**Requesting approval for:** Entrance drive access from Lanark Road (no longer from Henrietta Road)

**Statements:** Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions.

On December 6, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 2411 Henrietta Road, and the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with Conditions the design review request for the following reasons: Approved subject to a covenant being executed concerning landscaping and lighting between the Miller's property and the driveway requested. Landscaping is to be maintained in the approximate condition as provided by the plan submitted. Lighting is to be directional with no light spillage to





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Miller property.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.
3. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation, or demolition, in whole or in part: Will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect any significant architectural feature of the resource.
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The applicant presented his plan to move the driveway from an entrance off Lanark Road to an entrance off of Henrietta Road. He also agreed to the conditions set forth by the LHAC. Wolfe clarified that the purpose of the covenant was to maintain a hedge between the two properties.

**Motion:** Hoskins made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.

**Motion seconded by:** Burnett

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Burnett seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.