

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

10 North Division, Battle Creek, MI 49014

Minutes for Monday, June 12, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairperson Newman at 4:00 p.m.

This meeting was held in-person.

ATTENDANCE: A roll call was taken:

Comm. Drozdowski, Present

Comm. Newman, Present

Comm. Simpson, Present

Comm. Davis, Absent

Comm. Sallee, Present

Comm. Thornton, Present

Comm. Steinbrunner, Present

Staff Present: Melody Carlsen, Administrative Assistant, Susan Cronander, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Marcel Stoetzel, Deputy City Attorney.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of May 8, 2023 minutes.

MOTION MADE BY COMM. SIMPSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2023 MEETING, SECONDED BY COMM. DROZDOWSKI.

A vote was taken and all those in favor to say “aye”: ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. H04-23

The petition, filed by Climax Solar is for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 11 Crest Lane in Battle Creek, for the installation of a 10 roof mounted solar array panels on the southernmost part of the house on East and West face.

Application Presentation: Susan Cronander presented the Staff Report for property located at 11 Crest Lane. The applicant has filed the subject HDC Certificate of Appropriateness application for the installation of a 10-panel roof-mounted solar array along the southernmost portion of the house (garage). Two sets of five panels each are proposed, with one set affixed to the east-facing roof of the garage, and one set affixed to the west-facing roof of the garage. Staff recommends approval.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Applicant Presentation: Mara Schrock of Climax Solar, was present to speak and answer Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Thornton inquired to weather the Merritt Woods Association was contacted for approval. Home owner wrote a letter the Association for approval.

Commissioner Steinbrunner asked if trees would be removed for this project. Trees will be trimmed or removed if necessary.

Commissioner Simpson inquired about solar roof shingles.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON FOR THE APPROVEL OF ITEM H04-23 AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THORNTON.

ALL IN THOSE IN FAVOR, "AYE", NONE OPPOSED, MOTION APPROVED.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: None

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION AND STAFF MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Newman adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.