

Detroit Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION 24-06 (DRAFT)

**Historic District Commission Review of the Proposed
ROSA AND RAYMOND PARKS FLAT HISTORIC DISTRICT**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Michigan Local Historic District Act, being MCL 399.201-215, and Sections 21-2-29 and 21-2-30 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, describe a process for the designation of Local Historic Districts by the Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) and City Council, and;

WHEREAS, Section 21-2-56 (1), Powers and Duties, of Chapter 21, under Division 3, Historic District Commission, require that the Commission “shall be responsible” for review and comment on proposed historic districts, and may submit its recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed historic district designation and Elements of Design, and;

WHEREAS, the above referenced section identifies four specific areas for the Commission’s review and comment, that being (1) the potential district’s relation to the Detroit Master Plan of Policies; (2) the practical budgetary effects on city resources; (3) legal implications for owners, residents, and the City; and (4) the historical and architectural values of the district;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission extends its gratitude and mutual respect for the work of the Historic Designation Advisory Board and its professional staff, which works in tandem with the Commission, and its professional staff, to protect Detroit’s historic buildings and neighborhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby offers the following review comments on the proposed Rosa and Raymond Parks Flat Historic District Final Report and proposed ordinance, for consideration by City Council, as such:

Regarding the district’s **relation to the Detroit Master Plan of Policies**, the Commission finds that:

- The proposed district is consistent with the Master Plan;

Regarding **the practical budgetary effects on city resources**, the Commission finds that:

- The impact on City of Detroit resources will be negligible;

Regarding **the legal implications for owners, residents, and the city**, the Commission finds that:

- Should the proposed ordinance be enacted, responsibilities for compliance with Sec. 21-2-71, et seq., of the 2019 Detroit City Code will be placed upon with the property owner

as well as any other entity (including City of Detroit agencies) seeking to do work within the district;

Regarding **the historical and architectural value of the district**, the Commission finds that:

- The Commission concurs with the argument presented by the Historic Designation Advisory Board Final Report with respect to National Register Criterion A and B and Criteria Consideration G;
- The Commission concurs with the period of significance of 1961 through 1988, reflecting the time when significant historic events occurred at the property;

Regarding **the proposed historic district designation**, the Commission finds that:

- The boundaries of the district should exclude the east 15 feet of Lot 31 of the Wildermere Park Subdivision (Liber 19, Page 98, Plats, 21 Wayne County Records) as this was not part of the property during the period of significance;

Regarding the proposed **Elements of Design**, the Commission finds that:

- Elements of Design, as defined in Section 21-2-2 and as used by this Commission in its reviews for permit, serve to identify distinctive and character-defining historic features and relationships that merit preservation, and serve as guidelines for additions and new construction. Thus, the Elements of Design should provide clarity as to the significance of the following features that, though non-original, may have historic importance and be worthy of preservation (they appear to have been erected during the 1961–1988 period of significance):
 - Metal porch railings
 - Aluminum storm windows
 - Chain-link fence in back yard
 - Hedges along the foundation and the north side of the property;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs the Planning and Development Department staff to forward this resolution to the Historic Designation Advisory Board, and the City Council.

Resolution [passed/failed] [ayes]–[nays]

Dated: _____

Tiffany Franklin, Chairperson