



## City of Ann Arbor

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#### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TO: Design Team – J Bradley Moore & Associates Architects, Inc; ESG Architects;  
Attwell LLC

FROM: Design Review Board

DATE: January 18, 2019

SUBJECT: 616 East Washington Street Design Plan (DR18-006)

The Design Review Board discussed the design plan for the proposed development at 616 East Washington Street on January 16, 2019. Please consider the following comments and recommendations of the Design Review Board when preparing a revised design review application or a future site plan application:

1. The Board was complimentary of the design plan's treatment of the parking levels, noting the façade scales nicely with the overall design. Should, if above-grade parking levels remain as part of the design, the façade treatment should not change.
2. The LED light stripes detract from the design aesthetic. A softer, warmer architectural lighting scheme should be used.
3. The high contrast between the proposed red brick and white masonry material is jarring and out of context with the subtle contrast found on the historical building surrounding the development. One color should be dominant rather than giving both colors, the red and white, equal distribution.
4. The main entrance to the building, at roughly the midpoint of the west elevation, is understated. More clearly define this building element. See Downtown Design Guidelines C.2. and C.2.1.

These comments and recommendations were prepared on January 3, 2019 and approved by the Board on -----.