Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom

Roll call:

Carolyn Arcure: present in Ann Arbor John Chamberlin: present in Ann Arbor Donald N Duquette: present in Ann Arbor Joan M French: present in Ann Arbor Peter Honeyman: present in Ann Arbor

Stephen G Palms: not present Hugh M Sonk: not present

John Splitt: present in Ann Arbor

Also attending: Jeff Watson, Chris Crockett, Chen Lyu.

The Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council, which works to advise the DDA and City Council about issues and opportunities that affect downtown livability, met over Zoom on May 3, 2022.

After reviewing progress in establishing relationships with merchants' associations and treeline activists, the CAC recapped its enthusiasm for the pedestrian safety and multimodal connectivity improvements planned for the State St. project.

At its February 2022 meeting, CAC discussed the State St. project in depth with representatives from DDA, Smith Group, and the City. CAC remains solidly in support of the project as fully envisioned.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in conversation with Jeff Watson, DDA Executive Director. The discussion explored ways that CAC might engage more directly with DDA leadership and staff as well as with City government and the private sector to advance the goal of improving downtown livability in the near- and intermediate-term, but paying heed as well to long-term issues, envisioning downtown Ann Arbor in 2030, 2040, and beyond. It is an ongoing story.