

Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council
June 5, 2018

Place: Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, Second Floor City Council Workroom

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ray Detter, John Chamberlin, Hugh Sonk,

Absent: Chaz Stucken, Joan French, Don Duquette, Carolyn Arcure, Kathleen Nolan. Peter Honeyman, Charles Bultman,

Guests Present: Joe Arcure, Christine Crockett, Jeff Crockett, Jessica Letaw, Charles Bultman, Susan Pollay, Ty Buffington

CAC discussion last night gave strong support to DDA efforts and resolutions regarding development of possible creative street improvements on William from State to Third, on Ashley and on First from Madison to Kingsley--and especially on Huron from Chapin to North Division—where MDOT is involved in all decisions. Mr. Detter one of those who attended the excellent presentation of JJ & R at last Monday's community meeting at the AADL. These changes are going to be of transformative benefit to our downtown. The CAC urges everyone to attend other public input sessions scheduled for this week and beyond.

The CAC supports the emerging DDA plans to add 350-400 parking spaces to the Ann/ Ashley Parking Structure and improve, and enhance its design. The project will soon be returning to the Design Review Board to incorporate many of the positive changes that have been suggested by the architects, designers, and public advocates of the project. The changes recognize the value of public input sessions along the way.

Last night's CAC meeting also included detailed discussion of meetings and plans of developers of the DTE site on Broadway. This is a serious proposal that provides promise of transformative changes to this Huron River site—changes that may also beneficially affect North Main and the downtown.

The future of downtown's YMCA site and the Library Block have been a part of the CAC's concerns for a long time. We have clearly stated positions on related issues recognizing the importance of connectivity in all our considerations and decisions for these sites. We welcome the opportunity to be involved in all the discussions that will take place in finding desirable solutions.

The DDA and other invited guests were urged to attend tonight's Annual Downtown Party beginning at 6:30 pm