

**Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom**

Roll call:

Carolyn L Arcure: present in Ann Arbor
John Chamberlin: present in Ann Arbor
Donald N Duquette: present in Ann Arbor
Joan M French: not present
Peter Honeyman: present in Ann Arbor
Stephen G Palms: present in Ann Arbor
Angela F Peat: not present
John Splitt: present in Ann Arbor

Also attending: Jeff Crockett, Joseph Arcure, Chris Crockett, Frances Todoro, Julie Ritter

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 December 6, 2022.

The committee discussed updates from prior meetings. Molly Maciejewski gave a written update on solid waste progress. Proper handling of trash downtown remains a priority of CAC. Frances Todoro reported on feeling safe downtown, couched in a compassionate response to these issues. She invited residents to give feedback to her, as Chair of the Police Oversight Commission, and to the police on the safety/comfort issue and on the increased police presence coming up, using overtime for more officers. The question arose: with an increase in downtown residents should there also be an increase in downtown police presence?

Most of the December meeting was devoted to learning all we could from city planner Jeff Kahan and transportation manager Raymond Hess, who attended the meeting and presented overviews of their scope of work. Participants discussed planning issues including density, pro and con, sustainability, and the nascent comprehensive plan, expected to emerge in the next year or so. Mr. Kahan invited residents to participate in these discussions and offer their views. Members of the CAC repeated their general support of increased density and more downtown residents.

With Mr. Hess, discussion focused on Vision Zero and how to get there. Members asked about cyclist responsibility and identified risky and potentially dangerous behavior by cyclists and scooters. MDOT control of our streets was discussed. Some members encouraged Ann Arbor to get more control of our streets. The possibility of state legislation to provide more local control was introduced.

Submitted by: Peter Honeyman