

**Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2018**  
**City Council Workroom / City Hall, 301 E. Huron St. 7:00 pm**

Members Present: Ray Detter, Peter Honeyman, Nate Stevens, Hugh Sonk,  
John Chamberlin, Don Duquette, Joan French

Members Absent: Kathleen Nolan, Chaz Stucken

Guests Present: Steve Kaplan, Christine Crockett, Jeff Crockett, Susan  
Pollay, Chuck Bultman, Carolyn Arcure, Maura Thomson,  
Alan Haber, Jack Jennings, Jess Letaw

Last night's meeting of the CAC was attended by 17 CAC members, near downtown residents, and representatives of the DDA. We had a chance to once again express our support for DDA downtown parking and parking rate recommendations as well as plans for DDA streetscape and traffic improvements in the area of N. Fifth and Detroit-- and new two-way traffic on Ashley and First.

There are a lot of changes now contemplated for downtown and near downtown neighborhoods. We all agreed that whether those changes are on S. U., East and west of Main Street, on the Library Block, along the Tree Line, on North Main, in Lower Town, on Glen, Depot, or Fuller, they must all be developed with a clear vision of how, together, they will provide an inter-connected future for the central area of our city.

Much of last night's meeting was devoted to a discussion of the three meetings some of us have had with owners, representatives and architects  
Of the Graduate Hotel on E. Huron and State. They wish to add an outside elevator, a bar and restaurant to the roof level of what was once the Campus Inn. After a lot of discussion of the pros and cons of this proposal we all agreed that whatever variances might be needed to permit these changes must be permitted for others owning property in D1, D2 zoning of the downtown area. That might make it hard to support this change.

The last part of our meeting was devoted to discussion of the status of City negotiations to move forward on the already approved sale of the Library Lot to CORE development. All of our inquiries have provided us with no answers. The CAC supported moving forward with this project with the expectation that it would have limited negative impact on its neighbors and provide connectivity to the Library, the Blake Transit Center, nearby historic structures, the First Martin properties, William Street, and even the Tree Line on the other side of Main.

We look forward to beginning the process of Design Guideline meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, and City Council meetings necessary to achieve final site plan approval of a project on one of the most important blocks in our downtown.