

Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7 pm
Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83676907399?pwd=UUpsSjEvM29lQVE2TU81b2hmSzEvUT09>

Roll call:

Carolyn Arcure – present in Ann Arbor
Don Duquette – present in Ann Arbor
John Chamberlain – present in Ann Arbor
Joan French – present in Ann Arbor
Peter Honeyman – present in Ann Arbor
Stephen Palms – present in Ann Arbor
Hugh Sonk – not present
John Splitt – present in Florida

Also attending: Joe Arcure, Robert Hooberman, Jeff Crockett, Chris Crockett.

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 March 1, 2022.

The meeting opened as it usually does with a review of recent downtown developments and the March 2 DDA Board agenda. The group then returned to a theme from last month's meeting: the balance between amenities and services. Not just trash, either — services like arborists, curbside management, parking enforcement. But also trash; there is a sense among this group of downtown and near-downtown residents that downtown trash collection is chronically underfunded, lacks vision, and lacks coordination.

The city's pie-shaped wards dilute the political influence of downtown and near-downtown residents with City Council, but the CAC sees opportunities to exercise advocacy by strengthening its advisory role with DDA, engaging more closely with the Board and staff, and participating more actively in DDA Board and committee meetings, following the leadership style of our constant muse, Ray Detter.