

Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom

Roll call:

Carolyn Arcure: present in Ann Arbor
John Chamberlin: not present
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
Hugh M Sonk: not present
John Splitt: not present

Also attending: Amy Balogh, Christine Crockett, Joe Arcure, Julie Ritter, Steve Kaplan

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 31, 2022.

Participants enjoyed a report from one of the volunteers engaged in prettifying and putting to good purpose the cultivable spaces of the Library Lot. All applaud their dedication to community improvement.

Discussion turned to the proposed two-story addition to the Pretzel Bell building (which some members think of as The Parthenon, while others still recall Cunningham's). There is a sense of muted approval of the three-story concept echoing the 1930s building, which, if done with appropriate regard and sensitivity to historic features, could be a great improvement over the existing one-story realization. CAC members will convey their thoughts directly to the Historic District Commission.

CAC continues firming up its relationship with downtown merchants' associations, finding common ground in addressing the multi-dimensional problem of downtown waste collection. The potential for civic improvement is appealing: a downtown that can be cleaner, more attractive, and smell better. CAC members are making plans to approach Mr. Dohoney for a conversation about downtown solid waste and how CAC can advise the City and contribute to solutions to downtown solid waste problems.