

## Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019

Liaison: Ray Detter

Members Present: Carolyn Arcure, Peter Honeyman, Hugh Sank, John Chamberlin

Members Absent : Kathleen Nolan, Chaz Stucken

Guests Present: Susan Pollay, Jeff Crockett, Chris Crockett, John Kotarski, Chuck Bultman, Doug Kelbaugh

At last month's meeting of the Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council, we agreed to support the approved City Council resolution directing the city staff to work with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission and Washtenaw County Office for Community and Economic Development to evaluate the feasibility of developing affordable housing on select city-owned properties. (Y Lot, Kline lot, 216 W. William St., 415 Washington, 404 N. Ashley, 4th Ave and Catherine, 721 N. Main, 3400 block of Platt Road, 2000 S. Industrial-as well as the former firehouse at 1510 E. Stadium). The CAC believes that this should take place as a part of the broad development of the downtown and near-downtown neighborhoods.

At last night's CAC meeting, some guests and members came prepared to advocate for tearing down the remaining old building at 415 W. Washington as a positive step for eventual affordable construction on the site-perhaps included as part of a future "Treeline" development plan--Connectivity

We also talked briefly about the very large development currently proposed for the S. Main/Ann Arbor Saline Road and Scio /Church area and looked at a copy of the "Traffic Impact Study"-a Multi-Modal Evaluation. Two of the Conclusions- 1. The existing conditions analysis indicates that all study intersections operate acceptably..." 2. The background conditions analysis indicates all study intersections will operate in a manner similar to existing conditions." This, of course, is not downtown, but it does suggest that we should seriously question our commitment to continuing our reliance on more parking in the downtown area.

While the consensus of those present at last night's CAC meeting supported the proposed 19 story high rise on East Washington behind the Michigan Theater. The plan includes 202 bicycle parking space and 141 auto parking spaces-127 of which would be onsite and 14 would be leased from the city. Those present agreed that our support for downtown housing sites should be less concerned with parking and more concerned with transit to and from future downtown and near- downtown residential projects.

Last night's meeting eventually turned to discussion of the future of the Library Block. We all seemed to agree that we should continue to be a part of the discussion of issues relating to the future of that block and the library's location on it. With that in mind, members of the CAC urged me to provide a positive answer to a recent invitation by Ralph Wilhelm and Will Hathaway for me to join them in discussing the issues related to the Library Block.

I will do that this afternoon.