Roll call:
Carolyn Arcure – not present
Don Duquette – present in Ann Arbor
John Chamberlin – not present (network problems)
Joan French – present in Ann Arbor
Peter Honeyman – present in Ann Arbor
Hugh Sonk – not present
John Splitt – present in Ann Arbor

Also attending: Jeff Crockett, Julie Ritter, Stephen Palms, Chris Crockett, Peter Lorch Osler, Joseph Arcure, Jeffrey Watson, Verena L Brunner, Angela Frances Peat

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 February 1.

The participants had a fruitful conversation about the Treeline Trail and its impact on downtown livability. The Treeline Trail is in close harmony with Ray Detter's vision of connectivity, but planning and implementation raise issues of equity, zoning, multi-modal transportation, and more.

Amber Miller (DDA), Oliver Kiley (Smith Group), and Brian Slizewski (City of Ann Arbor) recapped the presentation they gave to the Transportation Commission on the People Friendly Streets plan for State St., which combines water main and resurfacing with streetscape improvements. The plan was received both positively — especially with regard to improvements to pedestrian safety and multi-modal connectivity — and critically, mostly concerning trash and recycling services, which have frustrated State St. pedestrians and merchants for years. It seems lack of alleys and inflexible solid waste scheduling continue to impede solutions.

In future meetings, the CAC will continue to talk about the balance between amenities, which downtown constituents ask for and receive, and services, which downtown needs but are sometimes overlooked.

Jeff Watson, the new DDA Executive Director, introduced himself and shared some aspects of his vision for the DDA.