

**Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7 pm at City Hall**

Roll call:

Carolyn L Arcure: Present

John Chamberlin: Not present

Donald N Duquette: Not present

Joan M French: Not present

Peter Honeyman: Present

Stephen G Palms: Not present

Angela F Peat: Not present

John Splitt: Not present

Also attending: Joe Arcure, Chris Crockett, Jeff Crockett, Maura Thomson, Edward Vielmetti, Grace Singleton, Verena Brunner, and Paul W. Newhouse.

The Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council, which works to advise the DDA and City Council about issues and opportunities that affect downtown livability, met at City Hall on September 5, 2023 at 7 PM.

DDA Interim Executive Director/Communications Manager Maura Thomson provided the CAC with an overview of the DDA Parking Rates Study process. Parking is a topic of abiding interest to downtown residents and visitors alike. The attendees provided Ms. Thomson with feedback on street and structure parking rates and ways to better meet the needs of downtown residents, businesses, and visitors.

Many of the issues in street parking — such as adequacy of handicapped parking, accommodating the changing requirements for package delivery, and providing for customers of local businesses — dovetail with the DDA curb management study under way, and the CAC looks forward to the findings of that study as well.

Chris Crockett gave an overview of some of the plans for next year's Bicentennial celebration and called for more engagement by CAC and DDA. The CAC was also pleased to hear from Ms. Crockett that the Ray Detter award is being revived. Finally, attendees were delighted to hear about the University's plans for this weekend's Show Your Love A2 events, reflecting the University's commitment to connecting the UM community with Ann Arbor's downtown.