

Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes-November 6, 2018

Members Present: Ray Detter, Carolyn Arcure, Peter Honeyman, Hugh Sonk, Don Duquette, John Splitt

Members Absent: John Chamberlin, Kathleen Nolan, Joan French, Chaz Stuckend

Guests Present: Joe Arcure, Christine Crockett, Jeff Crockett, Luke Bonner, Jeffrey Post, Noah Bonner, Susan Pollay, Ilene Tyler, John Kotarski, Steve Kaplan

Students from Skyline High School: Natalie Bell, Anna Fitzpatrick, Laila Krugman, Jalen Stevle, Luke Warhurst, Chase Berry, Jack Murphy, Grant Murphy, Royal Caswell, Catherine Small, Gianna Shipp

Sixteen members of the Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council and nearby downtown neighbors, were joined last night in City Council Chambers by 12 students from Skyline High School to discuss possible future development in the downtown and Central area. We were also joined by new CAC member John Splitt, who resides near West William and First—with a view of what many hope will be a future “Treeline” park.

Promoter Luke Bonner was there to explain the conceptual design for “Standard at Ann Arbor,” 425 S. Main a 250,000-sq. foot mixed use building being proposed for the site. The design team is seeking feedback for the massing scheme as well as architectural style and details. They have already met once with the City’s Design Review Board and will probably meet with them two more times before moving ahead with their project.

Our group was eager to discuss connectivity issues in relation to the Fourth and William parking structure across the street, the possible inclusion of parking as well as ranges of affordable housing on the nearby YMCA site--as well as the potential “Core Project” on the Library Lot.

We recognize the necessity of examining the possible positive and negative interconnectivity of these important downtown sites.

In that regard, our discussion also included consideration of a new four story, 14-unit upscale housing development “The Garnet” on East Summit and Broadway. Also, the recent groundbreaking for Condos and rentals at the corner of Broadway and Maiden Lane—that’s 600 units of housing.

Also, of course, development of the DTE river site and even the future location of Ann Arbor’s railroad terminal. These may be located apart, but they deserve to be considered in our future plans.