

Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 7pm DDA Office, 150 S. 5th Ave

Attendance: Joe Arcure, Chuck Bultman, Chris Crockett, Jeff Crockett, Don Duquette, Joan French, Peter Honeyman, Steve Kaplan, Doug Kelbaugh, John Kotarski, John Splitt

CAC Liaison: Ray Detter

Guest: Susan Pollay

We started the meeting last night with people reporting on meetings they had attended this month. Several had provided feedback at another Citizen Review meeting for The Standard, the proposed project at Main/William. The design has been updated, including providing a better setback from the sidewalk and a wide alley, but concerns remain about the project's appearance. The project will now go back to the Design Review Board on November 13th for its third review.

The group also talked about affordable housing. There are questions about the proposed zoning change that received its first reading at City Council last night. There are also questions about why developers are not including affordable housing in their projects. We all look forward to Jennifer Hall's report to City Council later this month on the potential to construct affordable housing on several City-owned sites, including some in the downtown.

Much of the meeting was given over to Susan Pollay so she could present the DDA's 2019 State of Downtown Report. The document includes a wealth of information about downtown, including downtown resident demographics. And it also includes information about the DDA's very important work, including its People Friendly Streets projects.

As we have in the past, the CAC will cancel its December meeting. Instead on that evening we welcome CAC members and near downtown residents to come to my house for a holiday dinner. In addition to good food and conversation, we always leave time for everyone to announce their wishes for Ann Arbor in the coming year.