

Memo

To: DDA Board
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: February 10, 2016
Re: February DDA meeting

There are several items on your agenda for this month's DDA Board meeting:

- The design drawing for the new parking lot project has been widely circulated in the blocks surrounding the project. I have dropped-off the drawing in person to those people I could, and have mailed-out the rest. At this point, I think everyone should have had time to review it.

I have not received a lot of feedback on the design, but I will share what I have with the board at its meeting. I have also asked anyone with any final comments to please consider this board meeting their last opportunity. We need to finalize this basic design so that we can get the project out to bid yet this winter.

- DDA Board Member Ken Wirt has suggested that the City Council should re-evaluate its decision not to pursue the larger parking lot project we proposed last year that would have allowed for the near-term reconstruction of all the downtown public parking lots in the very near term, rather than over one-by-one over the next decade.

City Manager Guetschow and I support this idea, and would be willing to take the idea back to the City Council for consideration. However, because they have already turned down the idea once, we think it's important for the DDA to talk about this and determine whether it wants to recommend and support it.

- The City of Charlotte has now been accepted as a Michigan Main Street Associate Level Community. This could be a very good opportunity for Charlotte, and I would like to take a few minutes to talk about the upcoming trainings and whether any of you would like to attend.