

Northville DDA Design Committee Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2018 Meeting Room A – 3:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. August Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)
2. 2018 Committee Projects:
 - A. Banner Poles – Lori Ward
 - B. Piano in Old Church Square – Suzie Cozart
 - C. Downtown Murals – Chuck Murdoch
3. Other projects:
 - A. Newspaper Racks
 - B. Flags
 - C. Plaques
 - D. Christmas Lights
 - E. Light Conversion
 - F. Bike Racks
4. Next Meeting – reschedule October meeting date
5. Adjourned

Northville DDA – Design Committee

MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: At 3:04 pm

Meeting Attendance: Lori Ward, Robert Miller, Alan Somershoe, Suzie Cozart, Carol Maise, Chuck Murdoch

Minutes of Prior Meeting: Approved.

Street Light Banner Hardware (Lori):

- Lori reported that Jim Nield is working with the Chamber of Commerce on a prototype, which may be available in October.

Cross Street Banners (Lori):

- Lori found some nice looking poles in Dexter and showed some photos. We should consider more decorative designs as we proceed.
- Lori received an updated quote from Signs by Crannie. Quote for 2 sets of banner poles (4 poles total) is about \$18,300 including installation, which is up about \$4500 from three years ago, due to the price of steel.
- Lori also received a quote from Graphic Visions. This quote was significantly higher than signs by Crannie, at about \$70,000. But, there were a number of questions about the description of the proposal. The posts are much taller than necessary, and there appears to be very complicated cabling mechanisms. Lori will investigate the differences to see if the costs come down.
- The Graphic Visions quote also included 3' X 25' double sided mesh banner, hems, grommets, webbing and steel carabiners for installation on a stationary cable for about \$1000 apiece. Lori will get a few more quotes from various vendors for comparison. Alan believes Costco may make banners – he will check.

American Flags and Poles (Lori):

- Lori got a quote from Rocket Enterprise's – a 3' X 5' US flag is about \$21. She will purchase approximately 200 flags.

Piano in Old Church Square (Suzie):

- This is a Girl Scout project -- Suzie expressed concern that the project is not moving along. The Art House has not been contacted, fund-raising has not started, etc.
- Our original intention was to have the piano professionally painted, using some kind of artist competition. But, the Scout really wants to paint it – possibly to increase the service hours of the project. We agreed to let the Scout paint to get the project going.

- Suzie will call the Scout to discuss a final delivery date of September 7th – that will ensure it's there for the Heritage Festival. The Scout needs to take over all aspects of the project.
- Lori will check if the DPW can transport the piano. Also, she will check with Margene about the status of the tree in Church Square – if the tree does not come down, we'll trim the lower branches up, so the piano can be placed under it.
- We also discussed what happens to the piano during the winter, and how to ensure it's as weatherproof as possible. The backside and flip-top may need to be sealed. And, the keyboard may need to be locked.

Downtown Murals (Chuck):

- Chuck summarized his recommendation for an approval process. The "Mural Committee" should have a representative for/from: DDA, Northville Historical Society, Art House, and a Community Advocate. After HDC approval, the final step should be a review with the "Sign Review Committee", not City Council.
- Chuck then summarized the alternatives for: 1) photo/content, 2) location, and 3) materials/installation. It was agreed that the preferred location is the west wall of Lucy & The Wolf. Also, it was agreed that the mural will be based on the mural installed on the Village Workshop -- same materials, process, supplier, etc.
- Chuck will keep working to meet with the Mural Committee to finalize photo and location. Lori identified three themes for the photo: 1) a link to Northville Downs, 2) the Crow's Nest, and 3) something similar to the Rexall mural, that was previously located on the building.
- Also, Lori and Chuck will meet with the building owners to gain their permission.
- Chuck will contact the Arts Commission chairperson to see if they will participate.

Prioritize Projects :

- Lori summarized the potential projects, which we've identified to date. But, discussion was cut short to make sure we had enough time to discuss the next agenda item. We'll pick it up again at the next meeting.

Secondary Streets Design Standards:

- Secondary streets in the DDA consist of all streets, except Main St. Lori summarized the design standards. There was some discussion as to whether secondary roads should mimic Main Street, or have their own character. No clear preference emerged.
- Lori and Robert will recommend the design standards at the next DDA meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00pm

Next Meeting: September 10, 2018 @ 3:00pm

Submitted: C. Murdock 08/15/2018