



Northville DDA Design Committee Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2022 – 8:30 am

Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: **889 3067 4259**

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Meeting Agenda

1. Project Updates (Attachment 1)
2. LED Lighting
3. Prioritize Design Projects
 - A. Projects budgeted for Fiscal Year 2021-22
 - Mural Project – Approved (\$12,000)
 - Painting of the cast aluminum planters (\$5,000)
 - New DDA building signage (\$500)
 - Fire Pit replacement (\$15,000)
 - B. Projects budgeted for Fiscal Year 2022 – 23
 - Overhead/Building Mounted Tivoli Lights (\$100,000)
 - Street Bollards (\$30,000 - \$120,000)
 - Repairs to Town Square Pavilion (\$30,000)
 - Repair of Road near clock (\$75,000)
4. Next Meeting – March 15, 2022



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Test Lighting

Approximately 75 downtown streetlights remain to be converted from High Pressure Sodium. ERC recently installed a test LED light along E. Main Street to compare the color and appearance of the proposed LED lights with the existing Induction lights to the west. The light on the left side of the photos is the existing High-Pressure Sodium, the light in the center is the proposed LED light and the light on the right side is the Induction Lighting. Staff has compared, at night, the three lights over the past 10 days and recommends that ERC test another light that is slightly warmer than the one installed. It appears much whiter than the Induction light. Staff will also inquire on how the light shields that are currently in place will work with the new lighting fixture. The bulb in the Induction light is much more visible.



Staff has sent the photograph to the Sustainability Committee, DDA Board, Economic Development Committee, City Council and Design Committee to compare and provide feedback on the different fixtures.



EV Charging Stations

The DDA has received all of the insurance requirements and signed contract from Red E Charging, the vendors for the new EV charging program. Staff has reached out to let them know that they can begin work. Staff is hopeful that the project can begin soon with 4 new charging stations installed in the Northville Square Parking lot and 4 new charging stations installed in the lower level of the Cady Street parking lot.

Entranceway Signs



Large monument for major boulevard entrances
Option II Lettering can be illuminated.

The Design Committee met in January to discuss the Entranceway Signs. The City's DPW bid out the project and the responses came in almost twice as much as the estimates. In addition, the bid packet only contained the Type A and B signs, shown to the left, and did not include any of the building signs or city limit signage. The Design Committee reached out to Buzz Bizzell to have the estimates reviewed. Bizzell updated the estimates to include all of the Type A, Type B, building signs, city limit signs including fabrication and installation. Bizzell is prepared to complete the project for the price quoted (Attachment A). Because of the size of the project and the City's purchasing policy, the project will need to be rebid and this time targeted to all of the previous companies that have worked on the project. If Bizzell is awarded the contract, this project could be coordinated with the mural project to share some travel costs.

Mural

The past few years most of the DDA's design projects have been put on hold due to Covid. Recently the Design Committee has started meeting again and addressing the backlog of projects that have built up. The mural project has been on the DDA's Goals and Objectives for the past 4-5 years. The Design Committee, over the years has explored various design concepts for the downtown and convened a mural placement subcommittee to explore various locations where murals could be installed. Through all of this, the Design Committee kept returning to the graphic that Bizzell developed called Race Day in Northville that depicted a harness racing scene. The proposed location for the mural is the west elevation of the building located at 102 E. Main Street.



DDA staff met with a representative of the building's owners, Stacey Tardich, to discuss the project. Tardich was familiar with the projects as DDA staff has discussed the concept with her over the years. The mural would be installed by printing the graphic out on a thin material and using heat to mold it to the bricks on the building. This method is a more desirable method of installation over painting the mural on the building's façade.

The Design Committee, DDA Board and Northville City Council have all approved the contract with Bizzell Design to design, fabricate and install a mural. DDA staff was directed by City Council to consult with the Northville Historical Society to research photographs and graphics from earlier use of the Racetrack for both racing and when it was the State and County fairgrounds. Staff met with two archivists from the Historical society to review the images and has forwarded them to Bizzell Design to use as they develop the graphic for the mural. The final image will be approved by the building owner and the Historic District Commission who has jurisdiction over changes to the historic building. The mural should be completed this spring.



Northville Downs Project

Hunter Pasteur is seeking Brownfield TIF revenue from the City and DDA. DDA Chair Shawn Riley will be representing the DDA on a newly formed committee to review the Hunter Pasteur request and recommendations to the DDA and City Council. The Northville Downs committee is made up of the Mayor and the Chair of the Board of the DDA, Planning Commission, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Sustainability Committee and River Restoration Task Force. As information is presented to the City, DDA and City staff will keep the DDA informed.

Bob Gibbs will present the Retail Market Analysis, commissioned by the DDA, at the Planning Commission's February 15th meeting. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm and will be held at the Northville Community Center. The presentation will be under the agenda item 5.C Reports and Correspondence from Other Community/Governmental Liaisons.