

Northville DDA Design Committee Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2018 Meeting Room A – 3:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. September Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)
2. 2018 Committee Projects Updates:
 - A. Flags – Lori Ward
 - B. Piano in Old Church Square – Suzie Cozart
 - C. Downtown Murals – Chuck Murdoch
3. Other projects:
 - A. Plaques
 - B. Newspaper Racks
 - C. Christmas Lights
 - D. Light Conversion
 - E. Bike Racks
 - F. Fire Pits
4. Next Meeting – November 12, 2018
5. Adjourned

Northville DDA – Design Committee

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: At 3:04 pm

Meeting Attendance: Lori Ward, Alan Somershoe, Chuck Murdock, Frederick Sheill

Minutes of Prior Meeting: Approved.

American Flags and Poles (Lori):

- Lori is ordering 200 3'X5' polyester flags from the Flag Shop in Livonia. Flags are \$32.40 apiece. The polyester material is much more durable than the flags we discussed at the last meeting, but, are also more expensive. The flags should be delivered and installed in November, in time for Veterans Day.

Piano in Old Church Square (Suzie):

- The DPW picked up the piano at Shawn Riley's house, and delivered it to Tessa, the Girl Scout spearheading the project. Tessa has painted it already, and it looks good. We still plan to have it installed prior to Heritage Festival.
- The spruce tree, which we had hoped would be removed, is still in Church Square. We'll still put the piano in the vicinity of the tree.
- We still need to investigate what other actions are needed to protect the piano from the weather or vandalism: look into an awning, or a temporary tarp; locking the key board; sealing the top and back from the weather.
- We probably should have some signage: for example, "piano for public use", "please be respectful of the piano and neighbors", etc
- Still need to determine what happens to the piano during the winter, and how to ensure it's as weatherproof as possible.

Downtown Murals (Chuck):

- Chuck summarized the discussion of the prior meeting, and reiterated the Sub-Committee's preference for: 1) location is west wall of Lucy and the Wolf, 2) the 3M film material for the mural, and 3) the preferred photo content.
- The Mural Committee (Michele, Ryan, Chuck) met last week and agreed with the Design Committees preferences for location, material and content.
- The Mural Committee also recommends that a small historical marker be placed at eye level to explain the history of the building, the murals displayed in prior years, and the purpose of the new mural. The Design Committee agrees wholeheartedly.
- Follow-up assignments are: look for more harness racing artwork on-line; investigate artwork from the Masons and Carlo family collections; prepare a draft of the small marker; take photography of the blank wall to start making mock-ups
- Also, after further discussion, we want to investigate original painted artwork that could be blown up for the large 3M material mural – not painted directly on the building. This may be an affordable option.

Tree, Tree Guard, and Bench Memorial Plaques :

- Lori described an effort to get memorial plaques back to donors when they are removed from service. There are about 200 plaques total, and about 1/3 have been returned.
- The idea has come up to try to extend the recognition of these people, even though plaques have been returned. Perhaps a new wooden plaque, maybe 3'X3' in size could be made with small bronze labels with each of the 200 names. Perhaps it could be mounted in City Hall.

Directory in Marque Parking Lot:

- Lori described a potential new Directory to be mounted on the parking lot side of the Comerica Walk-Through, so people could become oriented to town prior to exiting the walk-through. More discussion is needed.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00pm

Next Meeting: October 8, 2018 @ 3:00pm

Submitted: C. Murdock 09/17/2018