



## Northville DDA Design Committee Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022 – 8:30 am

Via Zoom

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Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260781730>

Meeting ID: 882 6078 1730

Join by Mobile: 1-312-626-6799

### Meeting Agenda

1. Project Updates (Attachment 1)
2. Mural Project (Attachment 2)
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)
    - Bike Rack Installation (\$3,000)
    - Light Fixture Replacement (\$20,000)
  - B. Projects unbudgeted
    - 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 – April 11, 2022

## March 2022 Design Committee Updates

### 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. Feedback from the Design and Sustainability Committee supported the installation of a slightly warmer light to compare. The previous test light was 3,000K. Early next week, ERC will install a 2,700K light and will modify the reflector to more closely imitate the Induction lights already installed. Once the DDA has approved a fixture, ERC will need about 2 weeks to prepare a proposal that would lay out the terms of the contract and the amount that they would capture out of the energy savings.



With the City's electrical bills decreasing with ERC, the DDA should see a reduction in the amount of its contribution to the over bills, which is currently \$50,000 annually. DDA staff will reach out to the Finance Department to see what the reduction might be for this fiscal year.



### EV Charging Stations

Red E Charging, our EV partners are in the process of installing the last 4 charging stations. The project was put on hold for a few weeks while the installation contractors worked with a structural engineer to review plans to core through a column in the lower level of the parking deck.

DDA staff is working with both DPW, PD and the contractor to install EV 3 hour charging only signs at each of the 3 locations, along with directional signage on Center Street at Cady and EV stencils on the floor of the parking spaces. The stencils are weather/temperature sensitive and will need to be installed with warmer weather.

The DDA has received their first check from Red E Charging for its share of the revenue produced by the charging stations. In the future, the checks will be for revenue for all 10 charging station and the checks will be cut twice a year. The DDA will be receiving reports on the usage and revenue generated every other month.



## Downtown Mural

The DDA and City Council recently approved funding for the development and installation of a mural on the side of Lucy and the Wolf. The image selected was the historic looking horse and buggy with the phrase Race Day in Northville. City Council during their deliberation asked for the DDA staff to consult with staff at Northville Historical Society to gather images to be used to customize the mural. DDA staff met with NHS staff and



gathered great images of the race track and fairgrounds. DDA staff reached out to the owners of the building to share with them the image and explained that the next step was the Historic District Commission. The owners of the building indicated that they did not want to move forward on the project, despite earlier support. They indicated that they “feel the west wall of our building could display a mural that is

more impactful and reflective of Northville's past, present and future. We were in hopes of a mural that encompasses Northville's landmarks within the artwork, one that welcomes people to Northville and where people can stand below and take pictures.” Several examples were provided, including these two images. The Design Committee spent years working on this project and considered different options before recommending the race track mural to the DDA and City Council. The Design Committee will meet again on March 14<sup>th</sup> to consider where we go from here. Staff has also reached out to the designer to see where we stand with this mural, as we already approved a contract with him for the Race Day mural design.

