ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PARTNERSHIPS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

Place:    DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time:     11:00 a.m.
Present:       Cyndi Clark, Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat, Keith Orr, John Split
Absent:    Bob Guenzel, Roger Hewitt, Al McWilliams, Rishi Narayan, Steve Powers, Sandi Smith
Other Participants:  Jane Lumm/City Council; Jeremy Peters/Planning Commission
Staff:    Susan Pollay, Joseph Morehouse, Amber Miller, Jada Hahlbrock
Public:    Ryan Stanton; Ray Detter, CAC
Also Attending: Mary Jo Callan and Brett Lenart /Washtenaw County

1.  Partner Updates-
     Planning Commission- Mr. Peters said the CPC will consider recommendations in the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. Mr. Peters gave an update on the Redevelopment Ready certification process.

     WCC- Mr. Morgan shared (via email) that WCC is eager to learn more about Presidents Obama’s pledge to support access to a community college education and how this may impact the College. Mr. Morgan also shared that enrollment remains steady, despite declines at other community colleges around the state.

     City - Ms. Lumm reported on the Redevelopment Ready certification process and reiterated the City Council’s interest in pursuing accessory dwelling units.

     DDA- Ms. Lowenstein said a AAATA/DDA Board summit will take place on January 20th. The DDA Board retreat will be on January 28th. Ms. Lowenstein provided an update on the downtown ambassador program, saying that representatives of the DDA met with a representative of Block by Block to begin work framing a scope of services. The discussion will continue at the January 21st Operations Committee meeting.

2.  Washtenaw County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment- Ms. Callan and Mr. Lenart led a discussion on recommendations, highlighting areas where the DDA could play a role. The Committee supported bringing a resolution to the DDA Board to affirm DDA support of affordable housing and the goals outlined in the report.

3.  Public Comment-
     None

4.  Next meeting.
    The next committee meeting will take place Wednesday, February 11th at 11:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Susan Pollay, Executive Director