ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PARTNERSHIPS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 12, 2014     11am     DDA office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, 48104

DDA Present:    Cyndi Clark, Bob Guenzel, Al McWilliams, John Mouat, Keith Orr, Sandi Smith, John Splitt

DDA Absent:      Russ Collins, Roger Hewitt, Joan Lowenstein, Rishi Narayan, Steve Powers

Other Participants: Jane Lumm/City Council; Jason Morgan/WCC; Jeremy Peters/Planning Commission

Staff Present:    Susan Pollay, Amber Miller, Jada Hahlbrock

Public:    Sabra Briere, Ray Detter

1. Partner Updates-
   Planning Commission- Mr. Peters said that they were reviewing the CIP and they would see a presentation on the Street Framework plan at the work session that evening.

   WCC- Mr. Morgan said that $8 million dollars had been raised through a recent campaign, and the funds would be used for student scholarships and endowments. He also shared that WCC had announced the creation of a Center for Advanced Transportation which will train students for careers in innovative transportation related technology and manufacturing.

   AAATA- Mr. Guenzel shared that transit legislation is being considered in Lansing. The AAATA Board is working to purchase 29 new buses to replace old vehicles and support the new service, and it will be considering a new Air Ride contract.

   City- Ms. Lumm said she and 2 other council members went on a walking tour of a possible greenway. She said that Fire Chief interviews will take place this month. City Council tabled the proposal for a temporary parking lot on the old-Y site until the next council meeting.

   DDA- Mr. Mouat conveyed his interest in helping the YMCA improve pedestrian safety along Washington Street. Ms. Pollay said tree plantings are underway, and parking structure repairs are nearly done. Additionally Ms. Pollay shared that she is working to bring together a group of social service providers and others in hopes of better coordinating downtown services.

2. Partnership Grant Request: 318 W Liberty- The Committee discussed the grant request. The consensus was that they would recommend a grant to the full board at 40% of the potential maximum or $47,666 assuming the estimated TIF amount. The resolution would also state that the DDA grant would not pay for the portion of the water main outside the DDA district.

3. Public Comment- None

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Susan Pollay, Executive Director