Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: 9:00a.m.
Present: Robert Guenzel, Al McWilliams, Rishi Nayaran, Keith Orr, Sandi Smith, John Split, Joan Lowenstein, Margie Teall, Ken Clein, Charles Griffith
Absent: Cyndi Clark, Russ Collins, Roger Hewitt, John Mouat, Steve Powers

Staff  Susan Pollay, Executive Director
Present: Amber Miller, Planning & Research Specialist
Jada Hahlbrock, Management Assistant

Public: Sabra Briere, Ray Detter, Maura Thomson

1. Economic Collaborative Taskforce- Mr. Guenzel shared the draft document that will be edited at the next taskforce meeting outlining recommendations and priorities
2. 2013 City Council retreat – Ms. Teall outlined the content of their discussion
3. Communication - Mr. Narayan and Mr. McWilliams said they’ve met to discuss some ideas.
4. Other Business. Ms. Teall said that it is hoped the Michigan Theater Foundation Board can work with the State Theater owners to explore options with the goal preserving the theater.
5. Partner Updates
   a. AAATA- Charles Griffith provided an update on the Blake Transit Center construction, the development of an urban area service plan, and the potential creation of a new park & ride lot associated with MDOT’s 23 expansion project
   b. Planning Commission- Ken Clein provided an update, including recommendations for D1/D2 zoning changes, and planning by Reimagine Washtenaw.
6. Audience Participation-
   a. Ms. Thomson spoke about the benefit of involving merchant associations in the DDA’s communication work and planning that is being discussed.
   b. Mr. Detter spoke about the role of the Design Review Board, and the value of saving the State Theater
   c. Ms. Briere encouraged pedestrians and bicyclists to wear light clothing and reflectors at night to improve safety.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pollay, Executive Director