

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting-Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043273966> or by phone 1-877-853-5257 (Meeting ID: 880 4327 3966 Password: 576063)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Committee Present: Micah Bartelme, Bob Guenzel, Tyler Kinley

Committee Absent: Darren McKinnon

Other DDA Present: Jessica A.S. Letaw, Ji Hye Kim

Others: Mike Rein/UM

Staff: Maura Thomson, Susan Pollay, Jada Hahlbrock, Sara McCallum, Kelley Graves

Public: Members of the public were on the Zoom meeting but did not identify themselves.

Virtual Meeting Guidelines: Mr. Kinley outlined the guidelines for electronic meetings.

UM/Mike Rein: Mr. Rein, Director of Community Relations for UM spoke of the University's pandemic response to-date. The University maintained contact with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Washtenaw County Health Department and the City. In-person classes resumed in August with a planned semester end date of Thanksgiving. In response to an increase in cases and following MDHHS guidelines, UM shifted all but the Graduate and Health Services' classes to online for Winter term. Those remaining in residence halls, will be assigned one-person to a room. UM plans to resume in-person classes in Fall 2021.

Mr. Rein said that all but a few construction projects have been placed on-hold due to the pandemic. There are plans for future development of student residence halls on the former Fingerle Lumber lot and renovation of the Northwood housing area. When asked, he stated that development of affordable housing is not part of UM's mission. Questions were asked and answered.

There was discussion about how to more actively involve UM students and faculty in DDA project related public engagement. Mr. Rein noted that he is scheduled to do a site-walk of the upcoming State Street project area with Amber Miller. He will provide student government and council contacts to the DDA for public engagement outreach opportunities.

Mr. Rein agreed to attend the January 13th AH/ED Committee meeting with partners.

Public Comment: None.

The next Affordable Housing/Economic Development Committee meeting (with Partners) is scheduled for January 13, 2021 at 9 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Thomson, Interim Executive Director