Parking Structure Fencing: Ms. Hahlbrock summarized the DDA’s work since 2016 on suicide deterrent fencing in the parking structures. To-date, 80% of the structure levels have fencing in place. Fishbeck Engineering conducted rooftop inspections last fall. Repairs and gap-filling were completed. The DDA met with the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Services to update the existing signage on all the parking structure rooftops. Mr. Thomson and Mr. Ortleib talked through the recommended fencing solution. Ms. Hahlbrock provided an overview of the FY2024 CIP $3M restoration budget. She asked the Committee for feedback on prioritizing initiatives, noting the maintenance and restoration projects that were deferred during the pandemic and other projects that need to completed. Questions were asked and answered.

An RFP to install suicide prevention fencing on the remaining 20% of the parking structures levels was prepared and released. Only one vendor submitted a response to the RFP. Fishbeck’s outreach to the other two vendors who attended the pre-bid meeting indicated a lack of available manpower as the reason for them not bidding on the project. Ms. Hahlbrock recommended moving forward with the vendor and prepared a draft resolution, pending final review of the bid proposal. Questions were asked and answered. The Committee agreed to bring the resolution to select the vendor for the parking structure fencing project to the Board.

Curb Management Study: Ms. Mancini-Nichols walked the Committee through the work done to-date for the study. A curb inventory was conducted. She shared graphs showing the curb data collected at Kerrytown and Liberty Street and, on South University. A curb pilot is underway now on S. Forest. Questions were asked and answered. The next steps include a
pilot analysis, curb typologies, pricing analysis, the curbside toolkit, and the final plan to be delivered to DDA staff and then shared with the Operations Committee and Board.

Parking System Rate Study: Ms. Hahlbrock said the initial steps for the parking system study are underway. She shared information on costs associated with this year’s sidewalk occupancy permits related to meter bags. Questions were asked and answered.

Transportation: Ms. Hahlbrock said getDowntown will be bringing a funding request and program updates to the next Operations Committee meeting.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: Mr. Eckstein said he hopes the DDA acts expeditiously to complete the installation of the suicide deterrent fencing on the other levels of the parking structures. He likes what he saw in Fishbeck’s plans today for the fencing materials.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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