1. **Roll Call**  
Bob Guenzel, Marie Klopf, Howard Lazarus, Joan Lowenstein, Darren McKinnon, Al McWilliams, John Mouat, Rishi Narayan, Keith Orr, John Splitt, Phil Weiss

2. **Audience Participation** (4 people maximum, 4 minutes each)  
- Ray Detter

3. **Reports from City Boards and Commissions**

4. **DDA Members Communications**

5. **Executive Director Communications**

6. **Approval of Minutes: September meetings**

7. **Subcommittee Reports**  
   a. **Partnerships/Economic Development Committee** – J. Lowenstein & A. McWilliams  
      - Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, October 12 at 9am
   b. **Capital Improvements Committee** – J. Mouat  
      - Fifth & Detroit project - status  
      - South University project - status  
      - Huron Street project - status  
      - Next meeting: October 24 at 11:30am and October 26 at 9am
   c. **Finance Committee** – M. Klopf  
      - Parking system operating income statement for FY16 by facility  
      - Resolution to Authorize Signers on the DDA Bank Account for FY 2017  
      - Next Committee meeting: Tuesday, October 25 at 1pm
   d. **Operations Committee** – J. Splitt, K. Orr  
      - Monthly parking & transportation report  
      - 4th & William Improvements Project - status  
      - Resolution of Support for Regional Transit  
      - Discussion of circulator bus study  
      - Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, October 26 at 11am
   e. **Executive Committee** – R. Narayan, A. McWilliams, M. Klopf, P. Weiss  
      - Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, November 2 at 11am
8. New Business

9. Other Audience Participation (4 minutes each)

10. Adjournment
Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: Mr. Nayaran called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Howard Lazarus, Joan Lowenstein, Darren McKinnon, Al McWilliams, John Mouat, Rishi Narayan, John Splitt, Phil Weiss

Absent: Bob Guenzel, Marie Klopf, Keith Orr

Staff: Susan Pollay, Executive Director
      Joseph Morehouse, Deputy Director
      Amber Miller, Capital & Private Projects Manager
      Liz Rolla, Project Manager
      Jada Hahlbrock, Manager of Parking Services

Audience: Ray Detter
          Dave Orfield, Republic Parking
          Kelly Schwartz, getDowntown

2. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Detter shared that a new historical marker has been sponsored and will be placed on E. Washington this fall as part of the Ann Arbor Historical Street Exhibit program. Mr. Detter said that soon the exhibits will be interactive and will include links to audio files.

3. **REPORTS FROM CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council- The council did not meet.

4. **DDA MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Narayan welcomed Mr. McKinnon to the DDA Board.

Mr. McKinnon announced that the Allen Creek Greenway Citizens Advisory Council will meet on September 19th at 9:30 at City Hall.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Pollay shared that the PowerArt! project was highlighted in this month’s Michigan Municipal League publication.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Mouat moved and Ms. Lowenstein supported approval of the July and August 2016 DDA meeting minutes.
A vote on the motion showed:
AYES: Lazarus, Lowenstein, McKinnon, McWilliams, Mouat, Narayan, Splitt, Weiss
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Guenzel, Klopf, Orr
The motion carried.

7. A. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE
Ms. Lowenstein said the Partnerships Committee got an update on the 2016 State of the Downtown report and provided feedback. The report is expected to be complete by October.

The next Partnerships Committee meeting will take place on September 14th at 9:00 am.

7. B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
South University Project. Mr. Mouat said the project is being reviewed by City staff and is on schedule to go out to bid this fall.

Fifth & Detroit Project. Mr. Mouat said the project team has been examining curb cuts and pedestrian movement in the area. Some options for improvements will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

Huron Street Project. Mr. Mouat the project team has contacted MDOT. A field survey and traffic study will be complete and ready for review at the October committee meeting.

The next Capital Improvements Committee meeting will be September 14th at 11:00 a.m.

7. C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS- FINANCE
Year end (unaudited) financial statements. Mr. Weiss said the Finance Committee reviewed the year end statements. Everything was well within budgeted amounts. Mr. Weiss said documents for this year’s audit have been assembled and will be turned over to the auditor when requested.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

7. D. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS- OPERATIONS
Parking & Transportation Report. Mr. Splitt asked for questions.

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Multi-Space Parking Machines. Mr. Splitt moved and Mr. Mouat supported the following resolution.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ON-STREET PARKING PAY STATIONS
Whereas, In their 2016 study Nelson/Nygaard set forward a recommendation that on-street parking meters be replaced with new multi-space pay stations;
Whereas, Parking pay stations offer important benefits, including improving patron convenience as they allow payment with credit cards, cash and cell phones; they will enable the DDA to gather more detailed usage data;

Whereas, In June 2016 the DDA distributed an RFP for this equipment, and in July 2016 three bids were received;

Whereas, After extensive review DDA staff recommends Digital Payment Technologies as the equipment that would best meet the needs of the Ann Arbor parking system users and the DDA Operations Committee reviewed this recommendation and endorses its acceptance by the DDA;

Whereas, The project cost for this installation is estimated to be $1M, including the cost to purchase approximately 110 on-street parking pay stations ($797,500), 550 space markers ($129,000) as well as a contingency ($73,500);

Whereas, These machines will be solar powered, and will expand the area covered by the E-Park system to 76% of the spaces;

RESOLVED, The DDA approves the purchase and installation of parking pay stations and related equipment within a project budget of $1M. These funds will be taken from the DDA 065 Parking Maintenance Fund;

RESOLVED, The DDA authorizes a contract with Traffic & Safety Systems, Inc. for the purchase of these machines.

Mr. Splitt said there is money in the budget for this purchase. Three bids were received and reviewed by the Committee. The Committee recommends approval of this resolution.

A vote on the resolution showed:
AYES: Lazarus, Lowenstein, McKinnon, McWilliams, Mouat, Narayan, Splitt, Weiss
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Guenzel, Klopf, Orr
The resolution passed.

4th & William. Mr. Splitt said the first new high-speed elevator is operational. Demolition is underway to prepare the site for the second new elevator.

Parking Structure Repairs. Mr. Splitt said work at Library Lane was completed in August. September work includes concrete repaiars at Liberty Square and Ann Ashley, as well as exterior work at Liberty Square.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be September 28 at 11:00 a.m.
7. E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Narayan said the committee discussed the agenda as well as regional transit.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be October 5th at 11:00 a.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS
None

9. OTHER AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
None.

10. ADJOURNMENT
There being no other business, Mr. Splitt moved and Mr. Mouat supported a motion to adjourn. Mr. Narayan declared the meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pollay, Executive Director
Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Present: Al McWilliams, Rishi Narayan, Susan Pollay (ex officio), Phil Weiss
Absent: Marie Klopf
Others: John Mouat

Committee actions and discussions

Agenda Review. The group reviewed the September DDA monthly meeting agenda. Roberts Rules were reviewed. Ms. Pollay noted that a speaker had signed up to speak during audience participation. Ms. Pollay was asked to add to the Operations Committee agenda an overview of all the various transit initiatives currently underway, including the RTA Master Plan, Connector, Wally, and more. The group had a general discussion touching on the changes in traffic planning that is now emphasizing the safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists and the benefits this will bring to downtown.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
Susan Pollay, Executive Director
Partner Updates
Ms. Gibb-Randall shared updates from the City Planning Commission. She said the final phases of the review on zoning premiums is underway. Committee members discussed feedback they have received, and it was noted that the potential future downtown residents who might live in a new development have not been asked for comment.

The Committee discussed AAATA ridership trends and how a reduction in ridership numbers may be attributable in part by the number of new downtown residences, as many people who may have once lived further away no longer need to take a bus to get to campus.

Ann Arbor Downtown Market Scan
The Committee reviewed the DDA’s recently received Downtown Market Scan. Questions were and answered. Ms. Pollay said the report is an important tool for the DDA and others.

Public Comment
Mr. Detter spoke about trends in the downtown Ann Arbor residential population.

The next Partnerships Committee meeting is scheduled for October 12th at 9:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.
Respectfully submitted, Susan Pollay, Executive Director
Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Present: Joan Lowenstein, Darren McKinnon, John Mouat, Keith Orr, John Splitt, Phil Weiss
Absent: Bob Guenzel, Marie Klopf, Howard Lazarus, Al McWilliams Rishi Narayan
Other Participants: Bob Doyle/Smith Group JJR, Oliver Kiley/Smith Group JJR, Kristen Pawlowski/Fishbeck, Jeremy Schrot/Fishbeck
Staff: Susan Pollay, Amber Miller, Liz Rolla, Jada Hahlbrock
Public: Sabra Briere, Ray Detter

5th & Detroit Project Update
Mr. Kiley walked the Committee through a project summary and timeline, and reported that the project is on schedule. He shared that public outreach will occur in November. Mr. Kiley reviewed findings from the project area traffic counts and with the goal of improving pedestrian and bicyclists safety, early examinations of possible traffic changes are being explored. The Committee asked questions and provided feedback on these traffic change possibilities. Feedback included direction to the design team that the design anticipate a future shift to two-way traffic on Fifth Avenue at some point in the future. The team said that the designs will be further refined and presented again at the October meeting.

South University Project Update
Ms. Miller reported that the plans have been resubmitted to the City for review. The project is on schedule to go out to bid in October.

Huron Street Project
Mr. Mouat said that staff has begun a dialogue with MDOT about this project and the beginning analysis and survey work is underway. Committee members were asked to attend a meeting on Monday, October 24th at 11:30 am, which will be followed by a walk around the Huron Street project area.

Next Meeting
The Committee decided it would meet twice in October to keep projects moving. The regularly scheduled meeting on October 19th was cancelled. Two special meetings were added & will be posted: Monday, October 24th at 11:30 a.m. to talk about the Huron Street project, followed by a walk around Huron Street, and Wednesday, October 26 at 9:00 am. to talk about the Fifth & Detroit Project.

Public Comment
None

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.
Susan Pollay, Executive Director
ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Place:    DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104

Time:     1:00 p.m.

Present:  Marie Klopf, Rishi Narayan, Phil Weiss

Absent:   Bob Guenzel, Howard Lazarus, Joan Lowenstein, Darren McKinnon, Al
McWilliams, John Mouat, Keith Orr, John Splitt

Staff:    Susan Pollay, Joseph Morehouse, Jada Hahlbrock

Others Present:  Tom Crawford

Public:    None

Financial Statements.  The Committee reviewed an updated version of the DDA 10-Year plan, the
parking system operating income statement, and the August expense listing.  Questions were
asked and answered.

FY 2016 Audit.  Mr. Morehouse said a draft of the management letter had been received and
reviewed.

Investment Account Resolution.  Mr. Morehouse said the Bank of Ann Arbor requested the DDA
Board pass a formal resolution outlining the roles and responsibilities of the DDA Executive
Committee and staff in regards to the DDA investment accounts.  The committee reviewed the
resolution and will present it to the board for consideration at the October Board meeting.

Retreat Preparations. The Committee discussed what information and materials would be helpful
to have on hand at the DDA Board retreat in November. The goal is to help the Board to have a
clear sense of what funds have already been committed and what funds remain available for
future use.

Public Comment.  None

Next Meeting.  The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 1:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm
Susan Pollay, Executive Director
Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Present: Bob Guenzel, Joan Lowenstein, Keith Orr, John Splitt
Absent: Marie Klopf, Howard Lazarus, Darren McKinnon, Al McWilliams, John Mouat, Rishi Narayan, Phil Weiss
Staff: Amber Miller, Jada Hahlbrock
Others: Dave Orfield/Republic Parking; Kelly Schwartz/getDowntown
Public: Ray Detter

Parking. The September Parking & Transportation Report was reviewed. Questions were asked and answered. The Parking System Operating Income Statement was reviewed. Mr. Orfield said the launch of the expanded Easy Pay parking card system, to include Library Lane and Liberty Square, would be happen in early October.

DDA Support for Regional Transit. Mr. Orr shared a resolution expressing DDA support for regional transit, specifically the RTA plan for regional transit. The Committee was very supportive and recommended bringing the resolution to the full DDA Board in October.

DDA Study of Circulator Bus. Mr. Orr reminded the Committee that the 2017 budget included funds for transportation related studies. He recommended that an RFQ/RFP process get underway for a study of a downtown circulator. He said the study would aim to answer questions about what success looks like, how circulators work in other cities and some general cost estimates. The Committee was supportive of moving forward with this process with the understanding that the study cost would be under $25,000.

Parking Requests. Ms. Miller shared a framework of what a parking request from CORE spaces would look like should City Council agree to their purchase and development proposal. The Committee reviewed the request and discussed existing parking contracts and zoning requirements. The Committee was generally supportive of the number of permits requested but asked that changes be made to some of the proposed contract details. Ms. Pollay will communicate those requested changes back to the City and CORE.

Ms. Miller also shared that a developer of a property on South University approached the DDA with a request to contract for parking within the public parking system. Ms. Miller said the request would be for the number of spaces required under zoning, and that the spaces could be provided anywhere in the system. As this project moves forward additional information will be shared with the Committee.
**Parking System Review.** Walker Parking Consultants are continuing their work to provide an operational assessment of the parking system, as well as assisting with the upcoming parking operator RFP.

**Parking Hardware/Software Study.** Dixon and Associates are continuing their work on a study of the DDA’s parking system IT infrastructure. A first draft of their report is expected in early October.

**Connector Study.** Ms. Miller said that the current phase of the Connector Study is moving quickly. She said DDA and City staff are working to be certain that no route options are excluded or moved forward without the impacts to downtown infrastructure and character being carefully considered.

**GetDowntown Update.** Ms. Schwartz provided getDowntown program updates. She reported that quite a bit of outreach work happened in September, including e-news updates to over 3000 people. Ms. Schwartz said that so far 255 businesses have renewed their go!passes.

**4th & William Improvement Project.** Steel erection is expected to begin in early October.

**Parking Structure Repairs.** Interior repairs are complete in all facilities. Exterior work at Liberty Square will be completed soon.

**Public Comment.** Mr. Detter spoke about the possible development of the Library Lane site, and about the rail station site selection process.

**Next Committee Meeting:** The next meeting will take place on October 26 at 11:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.
Susan Pollay, Executive Director
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This spreadsheet contains the operating income and expenses only and does not contain major capital (bonded) expenses or DDA management expenses.
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority

I hereby certify that the following Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Directors (herein after referred to as the Board) of the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) at a meeting held on October 5, 2016, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

WHEREAS, the Board opened four Agency Accounts with the Bank of Ann Arbor for the purpose of banking and/or investment management purposes and those accounts are,

- Parking Fund Investment Account #19-1015 opened January 31, 2003
- Housing Fund Investment Account #19-1022 opened March 2, 2004
- TIF Fund Investment Account #19-1023 opened March 2, 2004
- Parking Maintenance Fund Account #19-1030 opened February 2, 2005;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the establishment of these account(s) with the Bank of Ann Arbor, dated October 5, 2016, and currently known as the Parking, Housing, TIF and Parking Maintenance Investments Accounts;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates the following individuals as duly authorized and gives these individuals the authority to direct Bank of Ann Arbor via emails, telephone conversations, in writing, and/or any other form necessary regarding deposits, transfers, and withdrawals from any accounts held at the Bank of Ann Arbor (retail or trust), and to conduct any other business as deemed necessary and, further, grants Bank of Ann Arbor, Agent, the authority to follow without question the direction of the following named individuals:

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates the following individual as duly authorized and gives this individual the authority to direct Bank of Ann Arbor via emails, telephone conversations, in writing, and/or any other form necessary regarding inter DDA fund transfers, fund transfers to Republic Parking, and access to any information from any accounts held at the Bank of Ann Arbor (retail or trust).

Joseph Morehouse  
Name

Deputy Director
Title

By: ____________________________

Its: ____________________________

Secretary
Parking & Transportation Report September 2016

Parking Operations

Special Events In September
9/4 Dancing in the Streets
9/10 Homegrown Festival
9/11 Kerrytown Book Fest
9/18 Peace Day
9/22-10/1 Pop-X
9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24 UM Football

Special Event Meter Bag Fee Waivers in September
9/4 Dancing in the Streets $160
9/10 Homegrown Festival $160
9/11 Kerrytown Book Fest $1980
9/18 Peace Day $160
9/22-10/1 Pop-X $2020

Republic Parking Personnel Changes
There were no personnel changes.

Meters
The meter department is currently planning for the programming and installation of new on-street payment machines and space markers. The fall preventative maintenance tasks for the Duncan meters are complete. Full battery swap in the Duncan meters is now underway.

General Operations
The first three UM home football games have been very smooth with no incidences of traffic holdups or equipment failures.

Greyhound signed a lease with AMTRAK to house their operations in the AMTRAK building on Depot Street on their behalf. The DDA requested a Traffic Control Order (TCO) from the City to allow bus loading and unloading in front of the AMTRAK station on Depot Street which has now been approved. The DDA had allowed Greyhound to extend their current office lease in the Fourth and William parking structure until a new office in Ann Arbor could be made operational. Greyhound’s office should be moving to the AMTRAK station on Depot Street within the next few weeks.

City/DDA Parking Enforcement Committee
The Committee will meet on September 29th. The agenda will include further discussion of the 2016 Art Fair and what can be improved for next summer’s Fair. The committee will also discuss the installation of the new on-street multi-space pay machines due to be installed in November.

Tally Hall Condominium Meeting
There is no meeting currently scheduled.

First & Washington Condominium Meeting
DDA & City staff met with representatives from Village Green to begin the process of establishing a condominium association for the property. The parties are currently waiting for an EIN number from the IRS so that the association can open a bank account and register with the state.
Walker Parking Consultants have begun their work to provide an operational assessment of the DDA parking procedures, with the goal of assisting with the upcoming parking operations RFP.

**Parking System Maintenance**

The fall wash-downs have begun. All stairwells have been completed and the parking areas should be completed by mid-October. The 2016 garage maintenance/repairs are nearly complete. In September interior restoration work was completed at Liberty Square and Ann Ashley. Exterior tuck pointing work at Liberty Square will continue into early October.

**Parking Equipment**

Planning for the installation of the newly purchased on-street multi-space pay machines and space markers continues. The parking space markers have been ordered and should arrive prior to the delivery of the machines.

Dixon and Associates continues its work on the DDA’s parking system IT study. We are holding bi-weekly phone conferences and expect a first draft of their report next week.

**Elevators**

There were 3 elevator service calls during the last month. They were distributed as follows:

1. Maynard Alley
2. Ann Ashley North

**Parking Construction**

**Fourth & William Stair/Elevator Improvement Project**

The demolition portion of Phase III is complete. Footings and foundation for the new elevator tower are complete.

**Transportation**

**getDowntown Overall Outreach**

In September, getDowntown reached out to the following prospects about our services:

- Curo Technologies
- Chelsea Rhone
- Digital Roots
- TekWissen LLC

Other outreach

- E-news sent to General Interest Group and go!pass Coordinators with program information
- Meeting with Common Cycle on 9/23/16 to discuss possible after work events for commuters centered around visibility with darker days upon us.

**Go!pass**

**Go!pass Outreach**

- Go!pass Renewal information sent to all current go!pass Coordinators
Renewal orders received to date: 160

New go!pass companies for September
- Digital Roots
- TechWissen LLC
- MyFab5
- Madison House
- Rust Practice

Go!pass sales as of September 20, 2016: 6,867 passes distributed to 489 organizations

**Ridership will be reported on a quarterly basis when verified numbers are reported by TheRide

Bike Parking
- Bike Locker Rentals as of 9/20: 14 rentals of 19 available lockers (74%)
- Maynard Bike House Rentals as of 9/20: 12 rentals of 28 spaces (43%) (Down 2 from last report)
  Ann Ashley Bike House Rentals as of 9/20: 34 rentals of 27 spaces (126%)
DDA RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REGIONAL TRANSIT

Whereas, In support of its mission to strengthen downtown and encourage new investment the Ann Arbor DDA has funded go!Passes, supplemental transit services, and the getDowntown Program since 2001;

Whereas, In 2014 the DDA board voted to approve a resolution in support of AAATA’s plan to expand their transit service area and the hours of service including evenings and weekends, and this plan was overwhelmingly supported by the voters;

Whereas, There is currently no public transportation connecting Ann Arbor and Detroit, and no service coordination between AAATA and the other public transit agencies serving SE Michigan;

Whereas, The transit disconnection between Ann Arbor and the rest of the region has made it difficult for downtown employers to attract skilled workers, creating a challenging jobs/talent gap;

Whereas, A 2016 market scan commissioned by the DDA estimated that the number of new jobs in downtown Ann Arbor could increase by as many as 3,500 over the next five years; this increase may lead to greater traffic congestion and sustained parking challenges in downtown if more transit alternatives are not provided;

Whereas, The 2015 Nelson/Nygaard study commissioned by the DDA set forward support for rail-based public transit, noting it may help reduce downtown commuter parking demand and traffic congestion, improve access and mobility, and strengthen downtown’s market viability to attract more residents, employers, and visitors;

Whereas, The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan was created to plan for and coordinate public transportation in the four-county region of Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties including the City of Detroit;

Whereas, The RTA Regional Master Transit Plan includes passenger rail service connecting Ann Arbor to Detroit including local feeder service to downtown Ann Arbor, bus rapid transit connecting downtown Ann Arbor with Ypsilanti, and commuter express service connecting downtown Ann Arbor with Plymouth/Livonia/Canton, among other services;

Whereas, The creation of a connected regional transit system will support the growth and prosperity of downtown and the rest of Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, In support of its mission, the Ann Arbor DDA joins Ann Arbor City Council in promoting the RTA Plan for regional transit, with the goal of linking downtown Ann Arbor with the rest of the four county region for the purpose of greater economic vitality and quality of life.

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