

2009 DDA Planning Session – Main Street Program Notes - January 24, 2009

Design Committee

I. Introductions

Present: Darryl Daniels, Hank Prebys, Kevin Hill, Jim Nelson, Kurt Anschuetz, Ed Penet, Courtney Miller (facilitator)

II. Review of Blueprints items related to the Design Committee

III. Suggestions?

1. Members present suggest new topics for committee discussion
2. Group discussion and categorization of suggested topics in relation to Blueprints topics

IV. Prioritization

Group sorts the list according to priority

V. Timeline

Group sets a timeline for each item

VI. Discussion of next meeting

Group chose date/ time for next meeting – All agreed on Monday at 5:30

Group discussed agenda items for first meeting

- Street lighting
- Store entryway/ upkeep
- Wayfinding
- Design committee meeting structure
- Possible budget for each of the items discussed at today's meeting

VI. Large group discussion

All groups present their final lists, priorities, and Timeline

Final list for discussion (refer to attached Blueprints summary for Design Committee):

Votes	Topic	Timeframe
5	Lighting (#1 "Lighting" in summary)	Quick 0-3 mos
5	Outdoor Dining (#3, "Outdoor Seating")	Long 1+ years
5	College of Business Entrance (#9, "EMU/Downtown Connections")	Long 1+ years
5	Connectivity (#10, "Commuter Rail") Improve district entryways (add)	Mid 6-12 mos
5	Building Lights (lighting on historic buildings)(add)	Long 1+ years
5	Bring students into process (add)	
4	Left Turns/ Medians (#2, "Traffic and Parking", "Michigan Avenue" sec) Lower speed limits (add)	ongoing
4	Window Display (#4, "Business Operations")	Short 3-6 mos
4	Sidewalk/ Snow Removal (#4, "Business Operation") Supplement city snow removal efforts (DAY managed snow removal program)(add)	ongoing
4	Sidewalks/ Landscaping (#6, "Maintenance") Music (add) Public Art (add) Landscaping (add)	Short 3-6 mos
4	Façade Grant Program (#7, "Buildings")	Mid 6-12 mos
4	Pedestrian/ Bike Connections (#9, "EMU/ Downtown Connections") Crosswalks (some dangerous – ex: in front of RAC)(add)	Short 3-6 mos
4 (admin)	List of Available Groups (inventory of existing projects)(add)	
3	Parking Management/ Maintenance (#2 "Traffic and Parking", "Parking" sec) Alternative Parking Plan discussion (add) Dedicated DDA parking enforcement person (add) Dumpster clean-up (add)	ongoing

2	Parking Operations/ Study (#2, "Traffic and Parking", "Parking" sec) Washington/ Pearl Lot Acquisition (add) Access to parking (add) EMU lot/ parking partnership with EMU (add)	ongoing
2	Store Entryway Upkeep (#4, "Business Operations") Vacant storefront clean-up (windows)(add) Store/ building owner responsibilities/ enforcement (add)	Quick 0-3 mos
2	Streetscape Maintenance (#5, "Public Improvements") Down lighting/ light pollution (add)	Long 1+ years
1	Wayfinding (#11, "Wayfinding") Fewer, better signs (add) Kiosk and wayfinding (add)	Quick 0-3 mos
1	Business Signs (add)	Mid 6-12 mos
1	Emphasize River and Park (add)	Short 3-6 mos