



2016 Downtown Midland Streetscape Redevelopment Committee
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
1 p.m., Conference Room B, Midland City Hall

Committee Attendance: Bob Rathbun, Bill Allen, Bobbie Arnold, Bo Brines, Steve Bush, Scott Coyer, Dave Kell, Stephanie Richardson

Staff Attendance: Josh Fredrickson, Brad Kaye, Brian McManus, Karen Murphy, Selina Tisdale

Chair Rathbun opened the meeting with introductions.

Rathbun reviewed the purpose of the committee as follows: From Marty's letter of invitation this committee's responsibilities include:

- determining the scope of the 2016 Streetscape Redevelopment project
- developing a request for proposal to secure a qualified planner for the project
- evaluation of the RFPs and recommendation to the DDA board on hiring a planner consultant
- working with the planner consultant to gather public input
- working with the planner consultant to develop a proposed concept to be recommended to the DDA.

Rathbun noted that a second phase of the work will be securing the funding and moving forward on the adopted design. That work may be this committee or one of similar structure.

Rathbun reviewed a general anticipated timeline as follows:

- have a general idea of the RFP timeline for the March 9 DDA Board meeting
- publish the RFPs by early spring
- have a consultant on board and ready to launch a public input process by early summer
- public process over the summer months with concepts developed by late summer, early fall
- turning the corner to begin preparing for construction by end of year with
- construction beginning in 2017

Committee held a discussion on the scope of the project. Consensus was around Main Street being the primary and initial target with some element of side street improvement begin considered, followed by a phase in of the overall district, riverfront to Indian, Jerome to State Street. McManus noted at Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) corridor study for the Indian/Buttles area is about 80% complete and could impact proposed improvements in that area.

Items for consideration brought up in discussion included: snowmelt system, electrical upgrades, pedestrian flow in general but also specific to improved movements on the hill to the riverfront area, to the East End area and to and from off-Main parking lots, irrigation, parking and social areas and fiber improvements.

Rathbun noted much of this will be further defined by the public process, but it's beneficial to record items of interest to the committee.

Kaye will begin drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) document to identify a planning consultant to guide the process. Goal is to present the RFP for approval at the March 9 DDA board meeting. Tisdale will schedule a follow up meeting prior to March 9 to review the draft RFP.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 p.m.