



**DDA Design Committee**  
**Special Meeting – Riverfront Proposal**  
**Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 3:00**  
**Location: DDA Conference Room**

**Present:** Doug Koop, Chris Tointon, Don Carlsen, Doug Chapman, Patty Aspin, Jack McCandless, Paula Liveris, Chris Mundhenk, Claudia Wallin, Neil Hershfield, Nancy Barker, Bo Brines, Dave Gray, Jody Cooley

**Staff:** Denise Hufford, Keith Baker, Stephanie Szostak, Bradd Maki

**Other:** Cheryl Wade (Midland Daily News), John Palen (Midland Issues)

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Item	Purpose / Outcome
Riverfront Proposal	<p>Neil Hershfield presented the Riverfront Proposal Design from Hamilton Anderson (attached).</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding process of deciding on what amenities the committee would like to be included. Neil recommended that each committee member begin to think, discuss, and document any amenities they are interested in to give to Hamilton Anderson for consideration.</p> <p>Timeline includes vote from Design Committee to approve Proposal, action item at DDA Board meeting to approve Proposal, communication with Hamilton Anderson to begin work, workshop in Midland, final proposal, any changes/amendments to proposal, adoption of proposal by DDA Board, pursuit of Foundation and other monies/grants to fund project, getting bid proposals, and actual work of project.</p> <p>Discussion concerning boundaries of this project. Committee would like to coordinate with other nearby projects for a unified look. Nearby projects include changes in St. Charles park area, Stadium area, 47 Building Garden project, and Chippewassee Park area, along with Main Street and the rest of downtown.</p> <p>The Design Committee was asked to vote on approving this proposal and sending it to the full DDA Board for final approval. Approved unanimously.</p>
Benches	<p>Short discussion of downtown benches included ideas to paint and repair current benches, replace wood slats of current benches with a composite material, or completely change benches (two designs presented). Committee would like to see a spreadsheet detailing costs for #1 design, #2 design, repair current benches, replace tops with composite, and the cost of the benches on Ashman Street. Once all the costs are available to the committee they will make a recommendation to move forward on one of the choices.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm</p>

**2007 Action Items:**

1. Redevelopment & Design Study
2. Wi-Fi
3. Wayfinding signage

**DDA Mission:**

The mission of Downtown Midland is to provide a vibrant and diverse center of business, cultural and recreational activity that attracts both Midland residents and visitors throughout Michigan and beyond.

**DDA Vision:**

Small city charm with big city choices