



DDA Economic Restructuring Committee
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 3:00 pm
Location: DDA Conference Room

Committee Members: Mike Hayes (Chair), Sid Allen, Bo Brines, Dave Emmel, Christine Grieve, Darius Gueramy, Neil Hershfield, Scott Walker, Claudia Wallin

Staff: Denise Hufford, Keith Baker

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| Item | Purpose / Outcome |
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| 1. Building & Business Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Office b. Retail c. Residential d. New Development | Molly's may expand into the old Towsley space. Brew Pub – still waiting to hear from them and their architect. Personal Expressions is still available as far as we know. |
| 2. Business/Retail Recruitment | Buxton Group - Sid and Mike will meet with them soon to see if they meet our needs regarding retail recruitment. |
| 3. DEQ | Need to be further along in the Riverfront process before we pursue. |
| 4. Other | Christine Greve spoke about the services Delta has for start up businesses. No cost counseling for business owners. Will invite her to the next MDBA meeting so she can share with downtown businesses. They would need to formally request help. May also include tips from her in Hotstuff newsletter. Darius talked to the U of M Planning department to request help with urban planning. We would need to formally request their help. Claudia asked if there are any costs involved and Darius is going to check further. |
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2008 Action Items:
 1. Property Development & potential purchase
 2. Retail Recruitment

DDA Mission:
The Mission of the DDA is to foster a dynamic downtown environment that enables economic growth.

DDA Vision:
 Small city charm with big city choices