

Meeting of the Design Committee, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, City Hall, Portland, MI

Present: Eric Frederick, Tom Dempsey, Patrick Reagan, Kathy Parsons

Patrick distributed drafts of parking fliers giving discounts to downtown businesses for people parking in the lots as an incentive. The flier includes a map to the lots, and information about parking. It is a three-to-a-page double sided flier. One downtown restaurant has signed on so far. Patrick will distribute the fliers to prospective businesses to sign on, with a quick turnaround. To start, Patrick will print 50 to see how many are used and until other businesses sign on. Tom suggested to add "Look for future coupons from different merchants" type of wording. Consensus was to go with it.

Patrick meets with Dornbos tomorrow to go over the new specs. Since Douglas Sign declined to provide us with what we require, Dornbos is the next choice from previous bids, and they are doing the posts also.

Designs are still forthcoming for the façade improvements from Kelly Larsen. PCMI West is also using their project as local match for other projects to expand within their existing space, creating approximately 20 jobs.

Tangentially, no one purchased the Old School Manor from the tax sale, but the county has interest in someone purchasing the property to convert back into apartments.

Patrick gave an overview of the Main Street in 3-D grant from Google. Eric shared that he has done the program for Google in 3-D before in Westland. Eric will work on some logistics and a sample to facilitate the project, which will be a great demonstration project for other Main Street programs.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting, Thursday, May 13, 2010