

Meeting of the Design Committee, Thursday, February 11, 2010, City Hall, Portland, MI

Present: Eric Frederick, Tom Dempsey, Patrick Reagan , Kathy Parsons,
Guest, Lonese Conroe.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Conroe came to address the committee about parking issues downtown. Recently, a discussion happened on Kent Street between a downtown business employee and members of the Portland Area Service Group. The discussion was about extended parking in an unrestricted space by the employee. This led to letters to the editor, and Ms. Conroe felt the issue, that had been addressed a few years before, needed to be addressed again. The committee assured Ms. Conroe that they would discuss the issue at the next available meeting to see what attention could be paid to a resolution, and some possible outcomes included:

- Reinstigate fliers
- Two hour parking throughout downtown

Current high-use times from PASG include Tues, Thurs 1 pm, lunch at noon, coming in 11:30, Friday, doors open 7:30 am, Bingo at 9:30 am.

Applications (5) for the next design services were distributed and discussed. The scale of preferences used by the state's program were applied, and 3 out of the 4 were chosen based on point scores. The projects chosen, in order of score are:

- 136-140 Kent – 38 of 40 pts
- 123-125 Kent – 37 of 40 pts.
- 108-110 Kent – 32 of 40 pts
- 207 Bridge – 23 of 40 pts. (chosen as alternate)

Patrick will notify the property owners and begin the process with Kelly Larson, and will publicize the awards.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: 3/11/10 at 7:00 pm.