

Meeting of the Design Committee of Main Street  
Thursday, June 9th, 2010, City Hall

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

The design chosen a couple of months before for the metal planter hangers were no longer available from the manufacturer. A similar model was available from a different manufacturer for \$5.00 more per unit with 15% shipping. Eckert's Greenhouse proposed our second choice at the same price, and no shipping would be charged if they were picked up from them. Kathy reported that Karl Eckert lived in Novi and he offered to take the materials home to be picked up there rather than the store in Sterling Heights. Kathy has taken him up on his offer and will pick up the items when they are available in about 2 weeks. Eckert's agreed to match Gardeners Supply's price on their 14-1/2" version of the self-watering pots, and the pots too will be purchased from Eckert's.

Kathy distributed pictures of several styles of commercially available fencing to the committee for discussion for replacing the current dilapidated fencing in Scout Park. The committee recommended the DDA consider the three-rail (two top, one bottom) design to most closely compliment the fence on Maple Street. This fencing is simply installed with complimenting stakes. This is merely a recommendation but Tom will pass it along.

Kathy distributed photos of trees in the 100 block of East Bridge St that have grown to the point of obstructing storefronts and signs. While they provide a great deal of shade for the street and sidewalks, they may be more mature than needed. Discussion was had about perhaps recommending they be replaced with smaller trees. The consensus was that rather than replacing at this time, they be trimmed up and pruned to allow better foot traffic flow on the sidewalk and less obstructive to views of the storefronts while still giving good shade. Tom will pass along the request to the Parks Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting, Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Parsons, Chair.