

**FENTON CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
Monday, December 12, 2005
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South Leroy Street**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Osborn.

Present: Angeluski, Hammond, King, Moffitt, North, Osborn, Rauch.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Michael Senyko, City Manager; Christopher Wren, Assistant City Manager; Brent Morgan, Economic Development Director; John Dziurman, Dziurman & Associates; Jerry Detloff, Downtown Management Strategies; Sue Grissom, Grissom & Associates; Jeri Stiles, DDA Chairman.

DOWNTOWN PLAN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

Senyko introduced John Dziurman and his team and explained the overall selection and design process. An overview was given of what has been accomplished and the process leading up to this point of accomplishment. He then went on to explain the intent of this meeting was to have the committee step out and list what has been accomplished thus far and also receive some City Council guidance. He noted that the design process will include open houses in order to receive public input.

Brent Morgan gave a brief summary of the design process to date and introduced the design committee. He added that there will be two open house sessions with the public with the dates yet to be determined. Morgan then introduced John Dziurman, project lead man and his team.

Mr. Dziurman then proceeded with a slide presentation of his recommendations, accompanied by an overview of the scope of the work, detailed description of the seven plan phases and their progress to date. After his presentation, he stated that input is needed from City Council, the committee and the public in order to develop a final plan.

Senyko noted that the proposed implementation plan is firm, but flexible. He reminded all parties present that this is not an easy or overnight project.

Rauch expressed concerns over lack of parking in the downtown area. Dziurman reviewed the existing locations, noting the need and possible options for future parking.

King suggested angle parking on Walnut Street, noted the need for parking on Elizabeth Street on the business side of the street. Senyko stated that parking has been discussed and has been one focus of the development of the downtown. Hammond noted there is a need for additional parking now. Angeluski noted it is difficult to plan for an unknown level of development and what type of development will occur. King agreed the City is experiencing parking difficulties now.

Hammond's vision for the downtown includes culture, small shops, and no large development. A Dibbleville business owner asked if any ideas from the Cool Cities Committee were used.

She stressed the need for a better, safer walking plan. Detloff attended a Cool Cities meeting and stated some of their ideas will be used. Sue Grissom stated they will come up with design guidelines for the pedestrian component.

North expressed concerns over whether the government would agree to move the post office as stated in the presentation.

Senyko again stated guidance is needed from City Council. The document will be adopted as an official city document and will be part of an ordinance. He reminded Council that the DDA and Planning Commission have not yet seen the proposed plan. It was the consensus of Council that the committee and design group are going in the right direction. Angeluski stated he would like to see more publicity for the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Sue Osborn, Mayor

Melinda Carrier, City Clerk