



DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT BOARD

November 18, 2014

1. Call to Order – 7:00 P.M. - City Hall Community Room
2. Consent Agenda:
 - (a) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2014 and special meeting minutes of November 4, 2014
 - (b) Payment of bills
 - (c) Acceptance of expense and income reports
3. New Business:
 - (a) Consider and approve tabling contracting with consultants concerning the Darling Lot mixed use project
 - (b) Reports by Downtown Management Board Committees
 - (c) Report by the City staff
4. Miscellaneous Public Comments
5. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT

A self-governing board dedicated to planning, promoting, and preserving the downtown business district - the hub of our community – for the greater good of the business, professional, social, cultural and service activities located within the defined downtown area.

Purposes of the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors and Downtown Management Board are to: (1) Provide leadership for the implementation of improvements as outlined in the Downtown Master Plan as adopted by the City of Petoskey in 1987; (2) Promote public and private development and physical improvements in the downtown business district as initiated by individuals and organizations; (3) Serve as an advisory body to the City of Petoskey in matters pertaining to the downtown business district; and (4) coordinate appropriate downtown programs and services.



BOARD: Downtown Management Board

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2014 **PREPARED:** November 14, 2014

AGENDA SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: That the Downtown Management Board approve items and administrative transactions that have been included on the Consent Agenda

The Downtown Management Board will be asked to approve the consent agenda that includes: (1) Enclosed minutes of the Downtown Management Board regular meeting minutes of October 21 and special meeting minutes of November 4, 2014; (2) Acknowledgement of bills since October 21, 2014; and (3) Acceptance of the October expense and income reports as prepared by the Downtown Director.

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Enclosures



DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT BOARD

October 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey Downtown Management Board was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., and the following were

Present: Lawrence Rochon, Chairperson
David Carlson
William J. Fraser, Mayor
Jason Keiswetter
Jessilynn Norcross

Absent: Liz Ahrens, James M. Reid, Jr., Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Shorter and S. Reginald Smith and

Also in attendance was the Downtown Director Becky Goodman, Acting City Manager Al Terry and Downtown Promotions Coordinator Kate Manthei.

Approve Consent Agenda Items

Downtown Management Board members discussed routine business, the September 16, 2014 regular session meeting minutes; acknowledgement of bills since September 16, 2014; and acceptance of the September expense and income reports as prepared by the Downtown Director.

Upon motions made and supported the September 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes; acknowledgement of bills since September 16, 2014 totaling \$30,063.25; and acceptance of the September expense and income reports were approved. Said motions were unanimously approved as submitted.

Table PAVB Event Street Closure -
2015 "Back to Bricks" Car Show Tour

The Downtown Director reviewed that the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau (PAVB) requested permission from the City to use downtown as a stop on the 2015 "Back to Bricks" promotion tour. Petoskey was chosen as one of five potential locations for this event. The City approved the use of their resources for the event and the PAVB requested DMB's permission to have the streets closed for the display of the cars. The date of the event is Monday, June 15, 2015 and streets would likely be closed for the entire day. The proposed area to be closed is the same for Sidewalk Sales and Open House.

This event would be coordinated by the PAVB and Back to Bricks personnel, would require little to no staff time and the promotion value could be considerable. Regional and statewide television coverage is included; there is no charge to downtown and the event is sponsored by Pure Michigan and Autopalooza.

Board members discussed this potential event and received public comment. There were concerns about the benefit that might be gained by closing streets on a summer day versus the business that could be lost. The Downtown Director was directed to seek a ten day extension from the car club committee to make a more informed decision, to gather information from other communities that had hosted this group in the past, and to survey the downtown merchants for their opinions regarding closing the streets for an event of this kind. The matter was then tabled to be discussed at a special meeting that would be scheduled to occur in approximately ten days.

Approve Committee Appointments

The Downtown Director reported that she received four requests to volunteer to be on the Petoskey Rocks! Committee and the Downtown Events Committee. Volunteering for the Petoskey Rocks! Committee were Robert Frost, owner of Robert Frost Fine Footwear, Emily Jones, owner of B. Jeweled and Jonathan Meyer, manager of Meyer ACE Hardware. Brittney Brubaker, owner of North Perk Coffee, volunteered to join the Downtown Events Committee.

Upon motion made and supported, the appointments of Robert Frost, Emily Jones, Jonathan Meyer and Brittney Brubaker, be appointed to the Petoskey Rocks! and Events Committee. Said motion was unanimously approved as submitted.

Hear Committee Reports

The Downtown Promotions Coordinator reported on behalf of Petoskey Rocks and the Events Committee and reviewed that the Petoskey Rocks Committee is developing ideas for the summer of 2015 that will accomplish using the park as a community center as well as spreading people throughout the streets. The Events Committee recently wrapped up A Moveable Feast and reported limited attendance due to weather and being a first time event. The Committee will further develop the event for next year.

The Downtown Director reported on behalf of the Marketing Committee that plans for an online holiday catalog have been launched and there seems to be some good interest and that Bags Over Bucks, a ladies shopping night out, is planned for November 14.

The Downtown Director reported on behalf of the Design Committee that the wayfinding sign at the corner of Lake Street and the sidewalk that crosses Pennsylvania Park was installed.

The Downtown Director reported on behalf of the Downtown Beautification Committee that the committee met and had a very productive meeting, discussing many great and cooperative ideas.

In parking, the Downtown Director reported continued follow up on some of the projects brought up at the April Parking Workshop and that a parking management overview report should be ready by the end of the year. The Downtown Director and Chief Ambassador, Barry Cole, are trying to meet at least an hour every day to come up with a complete plan.

On other subjects the Downtown Director reported that she had recently attended the Michigan Downtown State conference in Holland; that she was re-elected vice chair of the MDA Board and currently serves as conference committee chair; that the conference was well attended with dual tracks and that she attended many rewarding sessions.

The Downtown Director also reported that she had attended the City Council meeting on the previous evening and given a power point presentation on the proposed Darling Lot mixed use development; that Council had not been very receptive to the idea; and that she would be making a recommendation for a plan to move ahead at November meeting.

Hear City Staff Report

assessments and approved program and services; and reviewed a tentative schedule for the City Manager search.

The Acting City Manager reported that City Council conducted a public hearing at their October 20 meeting concerning 2015 special

Miscellaneous Public Comments

violations and complaints about committee and budgeting procedures.

Chairperson Rochon asked for public comments and heard from one member of the public comments regarding possible Open Meetings Act

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Management Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT BOARD

November 4, 2014

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey Downtown Management Board was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 3, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., and the following were

Present: Liz Ahrens
David Carlson
William J. Fraser, Mayor
Jessilynn Norcross
James M. Reid, Jr., Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Shorter
S. Reginald Smith

Absent: Lawrence Rochon, Chairperson and Jason Keiswetter

Also in attendance was the Downtown Director Becky Goodman and Downtown Promotions Coordinator Kate Manthei.

Deny PAVB Event Street Closure -
2015 "Back to Bricks" Car Show Tour

The Downtown Director reviewed that at the October Board meeting a recommendation from the Parking Committee in response to a request from the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau (PAVB) to close the streets for the purpose of hosting the 2015 "Back to the Bricks" promotional car tour was presented. Board members and audience members felt more information should be available before a decision was made on the matter. Staff was directed to request that the organizers allow more time for research and deliberation before a commitment was made.

The Downtown Director reviewed that the Back to the Bricks Committee gave the Board another 10 days to decide if Petoskey would be a stop on their 2015 tour; that 250 cars are expected for next year's event; that there is very little work for staff for this event; that downtown staff sought responses from other communities concerning this matter; and that a survey was sent to downtown businesses asking for opinions regarding closing the streets for this show.

Board members discussed this potential event and the pros and cons to closing off the streets. Upon motion made and seconded to close the streets, the motion failed based on the following vote:

AYES: Reid, Smith, Shorter (3)
NAYS: Ahrens, Carlson, Fraser, Norcross (4)
ABSENT: Keiswetter and Rochon

Board members concurred by unanimous voice vote to propose to the Back to the Bricks committee an alternative location such as the waterfront or a parking area.

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Management Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Downtown Marketing	Common Angle/web services	Downtown Assessment	\$ 90.00
Downtown Marketing	City of Petoskey DMB/goody bag fund	Downtown Assessment	\$ 250.00
Downtown Marketing	City of Petoskey DMB/Treasure Certificates	Downtown Assessment	\$ 1,000.00
Downtown Marketing	Traverse/Holiday Guide	Downtown Assessment	\$ 1,135.00
Downtown Marketing	Traverse/Ad	Downtown Assessment	\$ 805.00
Downtown Marketing	Creative Cloud/web payment	Downtown Assessment	\$ 10.59
Downtown Marketing	Northern Express/Ad	Downtown Assessment	\$ 325.00
Downtown Marketing	Jesperson's/Haunted Halloween	Downtown Assessment	\$ 354.12
Downtown Marketing	City Park Grill/Haunted Halloween	Downtown Assessment	\$ 570.00
Downtown Trick or Treat	Mitchell Graphics/school bag flyer	Downtown Assessment	\$ 399.00
Downtown Trick or Treat	Goodman/candy	Downtown Assessment	\$ 49.65
Fall Decorations	Bill's Farm Market/cornstalks	Downtown Assessment	\$ 501.00
Flowers	Pontius/fall flowers	Downtown Assessment	\$ 73.00
Holiday Decorations	Standard Electric/cable ties	Downtown Assessment	\$ 72.67
Holiday Decorations	Standard Electric/cable ties	Downtown Assessment	\$ 319.56
Holiday Decorations	Standard Electric/cable ties	Downtown Assessment	\$ 64.98
Holiday Decorations	Standard Electric/cable ties	Downtown Assessment	\$ 128.89
Holiday Decorations	Standard Electric/cable ties	Downtown Assessment	\$ 64.98
Moveable Feast	K.Manthei/expenses	Downtown Assessment	\$ 95.46
Moveable Feast	9&10 News/Ads	Downtown Assessment	\$ 1,450.00
Moveable Feast	9&10 News/Ads	Downtown Assessment	\$ 700.00
Ornaments	Steve Webster/artist	Downtown Assessment	\$ 900.00
Shopping Scramble	City Park Grill/Main Course	Downtown Assessment	\$ 600.00
Shopping Scramble	Stafford's Perry/Breakfast	Downtown Assessment	\$ 452.00
Shopping Scramble	Whitecaps/19th Holde	Downtown Assessment	\$ 612.00
Trolley	Gibby's Garage/repair	Downtown Assessment	\$ 32.50
			\$ 11,022.90

PARKING FUND

Capital Outlay	Sign and Design/Penn Park directional sign	Parking Fund	\$ 2,020.00
Contracted Services	Gibby's Garage/meter maintenance	Parking Fund	\$ 65.00
Contracted Services	Jim Hoffman's Sons/winterization	Parking Fund	\$ 77.00
Contracted Services	Jim Hoffman's Sons/winterization	Parking Fund	\$ 124.21
Contracted Services	Jim Hoffman's Sons/winterization	Parking Fund	\$ 50.00
Contracted Services	CarQuest/part	Parking Fund	\$ 2.57
Contracted Services	LexisNexis/user fees per contract	Parking Fund	\$ 50.00
Contracted Services	Parkmobile/contract	Parking Fund	\$ 700.70
Contracted Services	Ballard's/plumbing repair	Parking Fund	\$ 114.00
Contracted Services	Preston Feather/tool bits	Parking Fund	\$ 6.08
Contracted Services	Barrett/reimbursement for tools	Parking Fund	\$ 9.41
Downtown Office	Integrity/supplies	Parking Fund	\$ 46.82
Downtown Office	McCardel/water	Parking Fund	\$ 18.75
Downtown Office	Cole/paper shredder reimbursement	Parking Fund	\$ 31.79
Downtown Office	Cole/recycling drop off reimbursement	Parking Fund	\$ 20.00
Downtown Office	Wm Thompson/rent	Parking Fund	\$ 700.00
Downtown Office	Meyer ACE/suplies	Parking Fund	\$ 14.97
Downtown Office	Meyer ACE/suplies	Parking Fund	\$ 7.49
Downtown Office	Integrity/supplies	Parking Fund	\$ 94.30
Downtown Office	Integrity/supplies	Parking Fund	\$ 70.45
Downtown Office	Meyer ACE/suplies	Parking Fund	\$ 3.59
Downtown Office	Meyer ACE/suplies	Parking Fund	\$ 5.49
Downtown Office	DTE/utilities	Parking Fund	\$ 41.70
Downtown Office	Charter/phone, internet	Parking Fund	\$ 94.25
Downtown Office	Wages	Parking Fund	

Downtown Management Board
Monthly Bills - October 2014

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Education & Training	Goodman/MDA State conference mileage	Parking Fund	\$ 234.30
Education & Training	Goodman/MDA State conference hotel	Parking Fund	\$ 342.18
Education & Training	Goodman/MDA State conference meal	Parking Fund	\$ 14.99
Education & Training	Goodman/DDA Round Table in TC mileage	Parking Fund	\$ 73.70
Education & Training	MDA/Dues	Parking Fund	\$ 200.00
Materials & Supplies	USPS/postage for repair	Parking Fund	\$ 44.90
Utilities	AT&T/cell phones	Parking Fund	\$ 222.44
			\$ 5,501.08
		TOTAL	
			\$ 16,523.98
	TOTAL BILLS		

**PROGRAMS SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
September 2014**

October 13, 2014

Carry forward from 2013 \$78,000

REVENUES	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	LAST YTD	BUDGET BALANCE
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	88,348	0	88,348.00	88,300.00	-
PENALTIES & INTEREST	500	0	1,873.52	707.45	(1,373.52)
INTEREST INCOME	500	0	16.72	17.16	483.28
HOLIDAY PARADE SPONSORS	3,500	100	100.00	300.00	3,400.00
PETOSKEY ROCKS! SPONSORS	5,000	0	11,600.00	3,600.00	(6,600.00)
WINTER FESTIVAL	2,000	0	2,160.00	2,385.00	(160.00)
NEW EVENT/Moveable Feast	2,000	105	105.00	0.00	1,895.00
TROLLEY - ads & sponsorship	7,000	0	4,850.00	5,400.00	2,150.00
MARKETING & PROMOTIONS					
Shop Map Ads	8,600	0	500.00	9,100.00	8,100.00
Gallery Walk	3,500	0	1,750.00	2,250.00	1,750.00
Ornaments	1,500	0	709.80	312.00	790.20
Restaurant Week	15,000	0	1,000.00	16,250.00	14,000.00
Ghost Walk	500	0	0.00	6,550.00	
Shopping Scramble	5,000	0	3,405.00	0.00	1,595.00
New Promotions /Haunted Halloween	5,000	225	225.00	0.00	4,775.00
TOTAL REVENUES	147,948	430	116,643.04	135,171.61	31,304.96
EXPENDITURES					
Events					
HOLIDAY PARADE	6,000	0	0.00	2,223.39	6,000.00
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE	1,000	0	980.00	170.00	20.00
SIDEWALK SALES	4,000	0	4,761.21	3,930.56	(761.21)
PETOSKEY ROCKS!	13,000	0	8,637.41	9,396.54	4,362.59
DT TRICK OR TREAT	500	448.65	448.65	383.60	51.35
Mitchell Graphics/school bag flyer \$399					
Goodman/candy \$49.65					
WINTER FESTIVAL	4,000	0	5,736.74	3,949.58	(1,736.74)
NEW EVENT	4,000	2245.46	2,245.46	0.00	1,754.54
9&10 News/Ads \$1,450					
9&10 News/Ads \$700					
K. Manthei/expenses \$95.46					
EVENTS COORDINATOR	-	0	0.00	5,600.00	
Total	32,500				
Collaborating Events					
CONCERTS IN THE PARK	4,000	0	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
FOURTH OF JULY	800	0	800.00	800.00	-
FARMERS MARKET	500	0	500.00	500.00	-
SANTA'S VISIT	200	0	0.00	0.00	200.00
FESTIVAL ON THE BAY	1,500	0	1,500.00	2,500.00	-
Total	7,000				

**PROGRAMS SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
September 2014**

October 13, 2014

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	LAST YTD	BUDGET BALANCE
Marketing & Promotions					
MARKETING					-
Image Campaign	43,000	4539.71	28,775.12	28,611.50	14,224.88
Common Angle/web services \$90					
City of Petoskey DMB/goody bag fund \$250					
City of Petoskey DMB/T.C. for Treasure DT contest \$1000					
Traverse/Holiday Guide \$1,135					
Traverse/Ad \$805					
Goodman/Creative Cloud web pament \$10.59					
Northern Express/Ad \$325					
Jespersion's/Haunted Halloween \$354.12					
City Park Grill/Haunted Halloween \$570					
Gallery Walk	2,500	0	3,698.85	4,241.58	(1,198.85)
Ornaments	900	900	900.00	225.00	-
Steve Webster/Artist \$900					
Restaurant Week	15,000	0	4,295.96	13,111.14	10,704.04
Shopping Scramble	4,000	1664	2,057.00	4,301.46	1,943.00
City Park Grill/Lunch \$600					
Stafford's Perry/Breakfast \$452					
Whitecaps/19th Hole Party \$612					
Shop Map	10,000	0	9,043.59	9,041.97	956.41
Other New Promotions	5,000	0	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total	<u>80,400</u>				
Economic Enhancement					
BUSINESS RECRUITMENT	500	0	0.00	487.07	500.00
BUSINESS RETENTION	2,000	0	1,526.82	741.32	473.18
TROLLEY	10,000	0	4,116.21	8,960.60	5,883.79
Gibby's Garage/repair \$32.50					
Total	<u>12,500</u>				
Beautification					
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS	8,000	651.08	5,888.78	7,871.37	2,111.22
Standard Electric/cable ties \$72.67					
Standard Electric/cable ties \$319.56					
Standard Electric/cable ties \$64.98					
Standard Electric/cable ties \$64.98					
Standard Electric/cable ties 128.89					
FALL DECORATIONS	1,000	501	651.00	983.56	349.00
Bill's Farm Market/cornstalks \$501					
FLOWERS	4,800	73	5,222.80	5,454.00	(422.80)
Pontius/fall flowers \$73					
Total	<u>13,800</u>				
Administrative					
INSURANCE AND BONDS	500	0	0.00	0.00	500.00
OTHER		0	332.63	1,368.76	(332.63)
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Total	<u>500</u>				

**PROGRAMS SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
September 2014**

October 13, 2014

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	TOTAL	146,700 1,248	11022.9	96,118.23	118,853.00	56,581.77
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**Downtown Parking Fund
October 2014**

November 13, 2014

Carry Forward from 2013 \$535,000

	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Last YTD	Budget Balance
REVENUES					
Meters	327,500.00	30,885.65	271,746.48	280,858.71	55,753.52
Fines	52,000.00	2,193.47	29,918.50	47,390.25	22,081.50
Permits	32,000.00	1,315.00	24,599.00	25,739.00	7,401.00
Bags	5,000.00	65.00	4,521.02	4,862.00	478.98
Tokens	2,800.00	120.00	1,669.75	2,061.00	1,130.25
Interest	1,800.00	1.38	14.83	311.16	1,785.17
Meter Sponsorships	2,000.00	0.00	400.00	300.00	1,600.00
Cell Phone Parking	9,000.00	1,881.10	17,130.58	11,058.68	-8,130.58
Total Parking Revenue	432,100.00	36,461.60	350,000.16	372,580.80	82,099.84
EXPENSES					
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	17,800	0.00	18,000.00	17,800.00	-200.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	30,000	2,020.00	12,977.61	23,642.50	17,022.39
Sign and Design/Penn Park directional sign \$2,020					
CONTRACTED SERVICES	50,000	1,198.77	46,530.00	47,548.37	3,470.00
Gibby's Garage/meter maintenance \$65					
Jim Hoffman's Sons/winterization \$77					
Jim Hoffman's Sons/winterization \$124.21					
Jim Hoffman's Sons/winterization \$50					
CarQuest/part \$2.37					
LexisNexis/user fees \$50					
Parkmobile/contract user fees \$700.70					
Ballard's/plumbing regpair \$114					
Preston Feather/tool bits \$6.08					
Barrett/reimbursement for tools \$9.41					
DOWNTOWN OFFICE	185,000	14,510.96	171,695.96	138,891.86	13,304.04
Integrity/supplies \$46.82					
McCardel/water \$18.75					
Cole/Paper shredder reimbursement \$31.79					
Cole/recycling drop off reimbursement \$20					
Wm Thompson/rent \$700					
Meyer ACE/supplies \$14.97					
Meyer ACE/supplies \$7.49					
Integrity/supplies \$84.30					
Integrity/supplies \$70.45					
Meyer ACE/supplies \$3.59					
Meyer ACE/supplies \$5.49					
DTE/Utilities\$41.70					
Charter/phone, internet \$94.25					
Wages\$13361.16					
EDUCATION AND TRAINING	5,000	865.17	5,349.83	2,874.95	-349.83
Goodman/MDA State conference mileage \$234.30					
Goodman/MDA State conference hotel \$342.18					
Goodman/MDA State conference meal \$14.99					
Goodman/DDA round Table in TC mileage \$73.70					
MDA/dues \$200					
LEASE RENTAL TO DEBT	40,000	0.00	40,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	11,000	0.00	18,190.81	14,169.27	-7,190.81
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,200	44.90	212.30	858.06	987.70
USPS/postage for repair \$44.90					
FAÇADE GRANT	20,000	0.00	83.56	18,000.00	19,916.44
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500	0.00	346.91	219.13	153.09
PROPERTY LEASE	1,000	0.00	1,875.00	0.00	-875.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,000	222.44	2,475.30	2,628.70	524.70
AT&T/cell phones \$222.44					
SIGNS	2,500	0.00	424.50	336.00	2,075.50
UNIFORMS	2,000	0.00	757.15	405.57	1,242.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	369,000	18,862.24	317,737.28	347,374.41	51,262.72
	63,100	17,599.36	32,262.88	25,206.39	30,837.12



MEMORANDUM

TO: Downtown Management Board

FROM: Becky Goodman

DATE: November 13, 2014

RE: Contracting with Consultants for Darling Lot Mixed Use Project

Background: In response to issues discussed at the spring Parking Workshop the Board voted at its August meeting to begin working on the long tabled plan to develop parking at the Darling Lot. The rationale was that this was a project with a timeline that they could control; the long awaited development of Sunset Square, although a desirable partnership project, has a timeline that the board does not control. To that end, contracts with Walker Parking for a design concept and with Otwell Mawby for a financial analysis of the concept were approved, pending input from City Council. The outcome of the project would be to provide structured parking supported by revenue from the site.

As reported at the October meeting, staff's presentation to Council regarding the project received an unenthusiastic response. Council had concerns regarding the potential design of the project, whether it would actually yield 100 spaces, if the project would conform to ordinances, whether or not it was usual for a DMB/DDA to be involved in the redevelopment of a city owned property, if the process conflicted with the Planning Commission, the fact that without a permanent City Manager the timing was not good, that funding might be an issue, possible conflict with plans at Sunset Square, and whether or not there was truly a need for new parking. Council suggested that a new study might be appropriate

At that meeting, staff responded that the development would provide 100 additional parking spaces; that the DMB manages the parking system and is responding to a need that is a part of the strategic plan and that it is not out of the ordinary for a DMB/DDA to take the lead step; that the project would still need to go through the necessary process and is not in conflict with the Planning Commission; that conversations about the Darling Lot mixed use project with consultants had occurred for months with the previous City Manager although it would not be unreasonable to wait until a new City Manager is in place; that no parking has been added since the 2004 study, but parking was lost at the development site and two new restaurants and the relocation of Petoskey Plastics in the NE quadrant had increased demand; and that the plan for funding the development would be by TIF, Brownfield, parking management system and other sources.

Since that Council meeting staff has asked Walker Parking for an estimate on an update to our parking study and received a number of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Downtown and City staff have also had some preliminary meetings with the new team chosen to develop the Sunset Square site. Although no design concepts have been discussed, it is clear that the developers understand the need for parking at the site. The developers are currently awaiting the results of a feasibility study that will contain information parking numbers that will be shared with the City.

Action: As Council would need to approve any final plan that was created for mixed use at the Darling Lot, based on their response to the proposed plan and the fact that the Sunset Square timeline seems to be progressing, it is the recommendation of staff that the Board move to table any decision regarding contracting with the consultants for the Darling Lot project until the first of the year when a better decision regarding a comprehensive plan might be possible.

Please call me if you have questions or concerns.



BOARD: Downtown Management Board

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2014 **DATE PREPARED:** November 14, 2014

AGENDA SUBJECT: Downtown Management Board Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION: That the Downtown Management Board hear these reports

Reports could be received from Downtown Management Board committees.

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BOARD: Downtown Management Board

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2014 **DATE PREPARED:** November 14, 2014

AGENDA SUBJECT: City Staff Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Downtown Management Board hear this report

The City Manager will provide status reports concerning downtown-area projects.

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