

Ann Arbor Discovering Downtown
Downtown Historic Advisory Committee

November 30, 2006
6th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Members Present: Gary Boren, Louisa Pieper, Allison Poggi, Ethel Potts, Wendy Woods

Staff Present: Kristine Kidorf

Guests: None

1. Introductions
2. Progress since last meeting

Staff gave the committee a report on the two public informational meetings on Chapter 103 and thanked those members attending the presentation on November 28th. Comments collected so far on Chapters 8 and 103 were distributed to the committee.

3. November 27 Steering Committee Meeting Report

Staff reported on the A2D2 Steering Committee meeting held on November 27th where an update on the historic activities was given. The Steering Committee is pleased with the progress so far.

4. Chapter 103 timeline

Staff reported that changes to the draft ordinance are being made internally based on comments received. The Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on December 14th as part of their regular meeting. It is hoped that the ordinance will go to City Council at their second meeting in January for the first reading.

5. Chapter 103 comments

Staff distributed the Frequently Asked Questions handout and *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. Chapters 8 and 103 were reviewed page by page to receive the committee's comments. There was discussion about the Historic District Commission's duties, the process of economic hardship, and further definition of demolition by neglect.

6. Next steps

The committee reviewed the next steps after the passage of Chapter 103, which are developing historic district design guidelines, and determining which downtown historic buildings are contributing or non-contributing.

7. Next meetings – December 14, January 11