



MEMORANDUM

To: Douglas Downtown Development Authority

From: Rich LaBombard
City Manager

Date: August 23, 2023

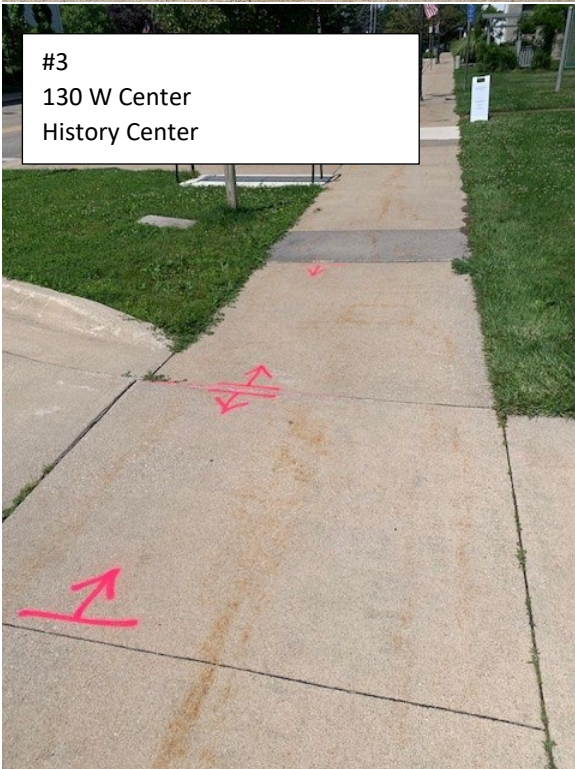
RE: August Project Update

The following is an update of projects in progress with the DDA:

- DDA TIF Plan – On August 7, the City Council approved the DDA Development and TIF plan.
- Potential Sale of Municipal Facilities – On August 7th, the City Council approved the purchase of the Douglas Professional Building at 415 Wiley Road for the consolidation of municipal services at one location over the next 2-5 years. Three buildings downtown (City Hall, Police Department, and Old Library) may be considered surplus municipal property and sold at a future date. The net result of selling municipal facilities to private owners will result in an additional capture for the DDA in the estimated amount of \$6,500 per year. The conversion of municipal property to commercial / mixed use has the potential to generate additional business interest and traffic in the downtown district, strengthening the downtown core.
- Permanent Gateway Sign – Chair Ketelhut will be working with property owner, Brett DeMond, of Lakeshore SuperValu grocery store to gauge interest in locating a gateway sign on private property. If approved, an easement will have to be granted to the City of Douglas to install and maintain the sign at the Blue Star Highway / Center Street intersection.
- Downtown Conference – Several members have expressed interest in attending the Michigan Downtown Association Conference in November. Chair Ketelhut will be submitting the application and fee to attend the conference. The conference is November 2 and 3 in Birmingham. For more information go to: www.michigandowntowns.com
- Wayfinding – Praise Sign of Grandville has submitted the final engineering drawings for the sign posts and foundations for the wayfinding project. City staff will be marking the proposed sign locations in the field in the coming month.

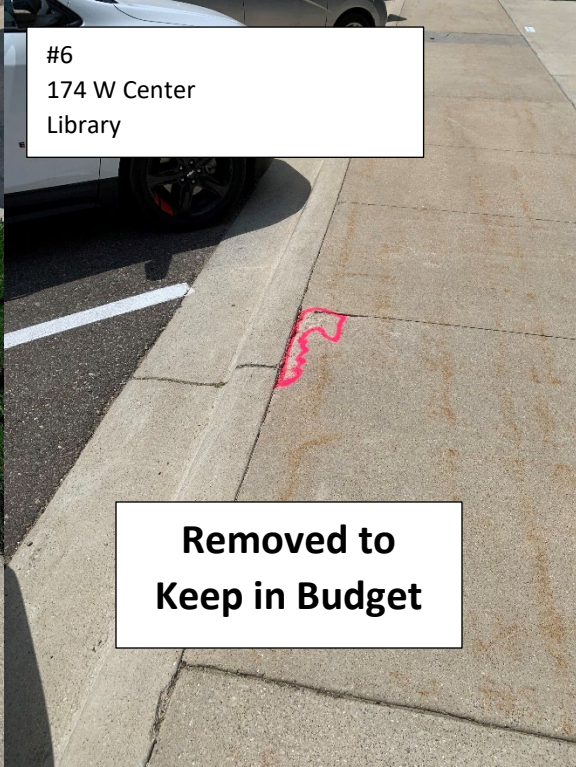
- Sidewalk Improvements – City Hall staff have received quotes for sidewalk improvements in the downtown. Staff have marked (in pink) the locations that are proposed to be replaced. The low vendor quote will complete most of the projects identified within the budget available. In determining replacements, staff consider the following:
 - Are there safety hazards present or an offset in grade in the line of travel? Grade changes greater than 2 inches are required to be replaced. Less than two inches is recommended to be replaced.
 - Are there dips or depressions that potentially retain water / ice in the line of travel?
 - Are there excessive cracks / spalls on the surface of the concrete?
 - Are there aesthetic conditions that could be improved with replacement?

Information Only





#5
Harborview/Center
Library



#6
174 W Center
Library

**Removed to
Keep in Budget**



#7
202 W Center (Jaqua Realtor)
Holds water



#8
Center/Mixer (across from 112 Center)



#9
Across from 112 Center and
Water Street Gallery



#10
Center/Union (Across from Post Office)

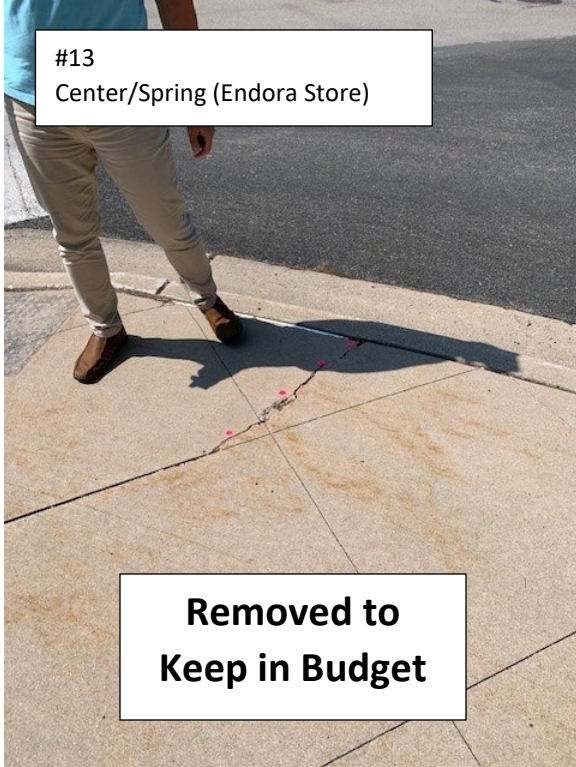


#11
78 W Center/Spring (by back parking lot)

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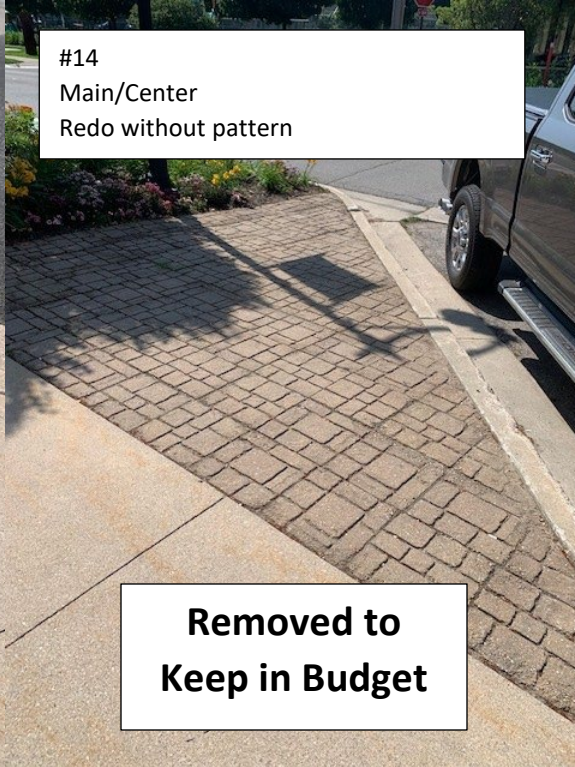


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29 N Spring/36 Center (Off Spring)



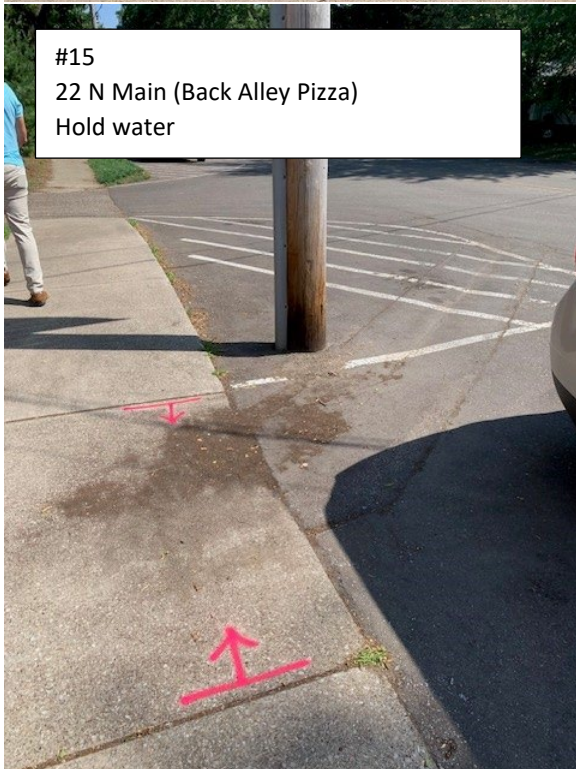
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Center/Spring (Endora Store)

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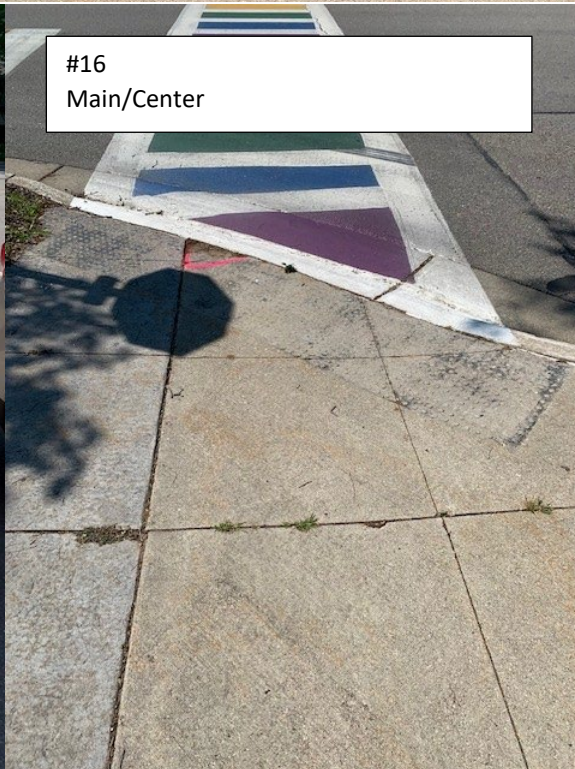


#14
Main/Center
Redo without pattern

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#15
22 N Main (Back Alley Pizza)
Hold water



#16
Main/Center

#17

14 E Center (Corner of Main/Center)



#18

22 E Center (Borrowed Time)



#19

22 E Center (Borrowed Time)

