

Meeting of the DDA Board of Directors June 4, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

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June 4, 5:30 p.m. Special DDA Board Meeting- to consider a special events application and Reopening Plan for Downtown Northville.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Shawn Riley
2. Audience Comments (3-minute limit)
3. ReOpening Plan for Downtown Northville (Attachment 3)
4. New Tables and Chairs for Town Square/Old Church Square
5. Board and Staff Communications
- 6.. Adjournment – Next Meeting June 16, 2020

~ DDA Communications ~

To: Northville Downtown Development Authority

From: Lori Ward, DDA Director

Subject: Reopening Plan for Downtown Northville

Date: June 4, 2020

Background:

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Governor's Executive Order #2020-21 closed all retail, restaurants, service and nonessential offices. This has had a devastating impact on the Northville business owners and their employees. Slowly over the past few weeks the Governor has opened up portions of the state and different sectors of the economy. Beginning June 4th, retail stores will be allowed to open with reduced capacity. Restaurants have been closed to on premise dining, but have been able to provide carry out, delivery and curbside pickup to customers. Beginning June 8th, they will be allowed to reopen indoor dining at 50% capacity and social distancing requirements and outdoor dining with social distancing requirements.

The DDA staff has been working with the business owners and managers to provide information on business resource and programs, provide lists of restaurants and retail that are offering carry out, delivery and curbside pickup, and promoting Northville's business community through the DDA's press contacts, website and social media. In addition, DDA staff has been working with the City to review program and permit fees that could be reduced during this difficult time. Attached is partial list of services and actions that have been initiated to date (Attachment A).

DDA staff, working with the business owners and City administration, has develop a Reopening Plan for Downtown that we hope will provide an opportunity for all of the downtown businesses to reopen safely and with the maximum capacity allowed under the Governor's Executive Orders. The plan requires the use of several tools including the special event application provided as Attachment B.

Analysis:

On Monday night, the Northville City approved the support of House Bill 5781 that, if approved, would allow municipalities the ability to designate a "social district". This common area may be used by on-premise liquor licensees that obtain a social district permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC). Letters of support were sent to Northville's 4 state legislators, the Governor, the bill sponsor, and all 16 of the bill's cosponsors. DDA staff will continue to advocate for the passage of HB 5781 and track and report its progress to City Council.

Also Monday night, the City Council approved letters of support for 13 Northville restaurants that have the opportunity to expand their outdoor seating area through the use of the new MLCC Form 204a – 2020 Limited Permanent Outdoor Service Area Permission Application. The form will be expediated by the LCC and will be valid through October 31st. This would allow the restaurants to enlarge their seating area and make up some of the seats that they are losing with the Governor's limits on capacity and requirements for 6' social distancing. The use of outdoor service areas and the continued ability to maximize carry out and curbside service is critical to the survival of our restaurants.

DDA staff is asking the DDA Board of Directors to approve the proposed Special Event Application to allow for the expansion of, not only outdoor dining, but retail merchandising as well. Currently the City's ordinances do not permit outdoor display or sales of retail merchandise. However, the ordinance does allow the City Council to waive the provision of the ordinance for specific dates for special events. The Special Event Application submitted includes a provision for outdoor merchandising. It is critical that the retailers are also provided an opportunity to spill outside of their stores and become more visible to the downtown customers. While they have already started to reopen with restrictions, there may be customers who feel more safe shopping in the open air as we reopen downtown. DDA staff will work with the retailers and the Northville Central Businesses Association (NCBA) to develop ideas for attractive display of merchandise to avoid the downtown looking like a sidewalk sale for the duration of the summer.

In addition to addressing outdoor merchandising, the Special Event Application provides maps (Attachment C) that show how the individual businesses will expand and how and where the streets will be closed. The DDA has had several well attended zoom meetings with the restaurant owners and retailers to discuss how the expansion will work. DDA staff has explored several ways to accommodate the expansion of restaurant and retail businesses this summer including closing the streets for the entire summer, closing the streets on weekends only, closing one lane for one-way traffic, closing parking lanes only, and leaving all streets open to traffic. The DDA surveyed the downtown businesses owners to determine their preference for closing down streets this summer. As of Wednesday morning, 44 responses were received from retail, restaurant, and service businesses. Of the 44 responses received, 31 voted to close the streets for the summer, 11 voted to shut the streets down on weekends only, and 2 preferred to keep the streets open to traffic (Attachment D).

After talking to numerous business owners, City officials (including Fire and Police), and residents, DDA staff is recommending the closure of N. Center Street from Main to Dunlap Streets, and E. Main Street from Center to Hutton Streets through October 31st. W. Main Street would remain open. The restaurants along W. Main Street can be accommodated on sidewalk or rely on private parking and sidewalks for their dining. Only one retailer is currently located on W. Main Street. DDA staff recognizes that this may not be the perfect solution for all business downtown. Different types of businesses will have different needs. The full street closure does provide a wide and safe path for

pedestrians to utilize, and the ability for businesses to expand their footprint through the summer without the hardship of taking the tables and chairs in each evening or weekend. The table, chairs, and umbrellas would need to be stored and the end of each week and when the streets were reopened, there would be very limited or no place to serve. The 3 platform dining areas are not being installed this summer, rather the restaurants with platforms are putting their tables and chairs on the sidewalks and in the streets in the expanded area.

Currently the DDA, working with the police department has placed 12 curbside pickup locations around the downtown allowing for no contact pick up, delivery and carryout easy access. The DDA would continue to work with the businesses to relocate these curbside pick up locations throughout the downtown, relying on rear entrances and areas outside of the street closures. DDA staff will work with the business owners to ensure that these locations are numerous and well signed.

As mentioned, the pedestrians will be rerouted to the road, allowing the restaurants to use the entire sidewalk area and adjacent street. The road will also serve as the public safety route. DDA staff has spoken with the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall in order to provide sufficient width for public safety vehicles. See attached map (Attachment C). On E. Main Street the safety route will start on the north side of the street adjacent to the curb and then switch at the clock to follow the southern curb line along the clock and out on to Hutton Street. This will provide sufficient width for the Fire Department and maximize outdoor seating for the businesses.

Town Square and Old Church Square will be used for carry out dining. Individual restaurants will not serve in the two areas, but they will be available for coffee, carry out, or just visiting. The DDA is working with adjacent business owners to help keep the area picked up and wiped down. In addition, DDA will be discussing, later on the agenda the purchase of additional tables chairs for the area and are working with Margene and Bob Buckhave to utilize the plaza more actively during this summer. The DDA is in the process of hiring additional seasonal groundskeepers to assist in the weeding, watering, picking up, wiping down tables and removing trash. Previously, the DDA had a staff member working the Friday night concerts. It is the DDA's goal to have a seasonal staff member available both Friday and Saturday nights to wipe down tables, and remove trash. The DDA will require ongoing support from the DPW to make this work. It is critical that the Restaurant owners not only take care of their expanded areas, but that they assist in the clean up of the common areas as well.

Working with JAG Entertainment, the DDA has been carefully monitoring the Governor's Executive Order to determine how to proceed with the music series that have been planned for the summer. To date, the DDA has cancelled bands through June 12th. DDA staff has been in frequent discussions with JAG entertainment to rearrange the lineup for the summer to book more acoustic music at the beginning of the summer until the restrictions are relaxed further. The DDA is considering placing the music in the area north of the clock with speakers pointing east, south, and west. Additional music will be booked for Old Church Square. Money previously earmarked for the bands with larger

followings will be utilized for single musicians, duos, and acoustic music. In addition, the DDA is exploring other ways to provide music to Northville residents including rescheduling bands to Ford Field where people can spread out more; live streaming some of the concerts; providing a drive-in style concert; and mobile concerts where a band on a float moves from neighborhood to neighborhood. All of these options would provide entertainment and lift the spirits of Northville residents.

The DDA is working on a marketing campaign to welcome residents and visitors back to downtown. The campaign will include light pole banners (when possible), yard signs, social media and video production. The campaign will provide a unified look and message for the participating businesses during the Special Event and will welcome residents and visitors back to Downtown.

Budget:

The restaurants will provide their own tables, chairs, umbrellas and roping/fencing. The DDA will provide marketing support, signage, and music for the event. Rental of additional tables, chairs, and umbrellas is being evaluated to provide more seating in the common areas. The funds will be reallocated from the concert budgets and DDA fund balance.

Recommendation:

DDA staff recommends the Northville Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors approve the ReOpening Downtown Special Event to be held June 4 – October 31, 2020 and detailed in this DDA Communication and accompanying Special Event Application and forward to City Council for consideration at a special meeting on June 5th.

Business Resources and Information

Carryout, Delivery, and Curbside Pickup:

The DDA has compiled a list of restaurants and businesses that are offering carryout, delivery, or curbside pickup service. We are updating the information on a regular basis. Please feel free to go to the DDA's website to confirm that the DDA has the most current information on your hours of operation and services.

Social Media and Press Releases:

The DDA is continuing to spread the good news stories coming out of Downtown Northville on the DDA and City's website and social media platforms. In addition, the DDA is providing the press with information on many of the great programs you have going to support those in need and our fantastic first responders. Please keep sending us information on what your business is doing and we will get the information out there.

Outdoor Dining Permit Fees:

The City will reduce all fees associated with outdoor dining permits by 50% this year. **Restaurant owners will need to apply for and receive their permits before they put their tables out to take advantage of the discount.** If the restaurants have already submitted their application and check, a refund will be issued.

Dumpster pick-ups for businesses

Since many Downtown businesses have greatly reduced or closed their operations, the City has reduced the number of weekly dumpster pickups. To compensate for reduced pick-ups and help businesses save costs during the pandemic, the City will reduce commercial waste bills by 43.8%. This is a savings of \$183 for a restaurant on the bi-monthly bill.

April utility bills

For all customers, the City is extending the due date for the April utility bills (with no penalty) from Friday, May 22 to Friday, June 19.

Outdoor Merchandise:

The DDA is exploring amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances to allow for businesses to display merchandise outside of their store for sale. DDA staff is review the issue and hopes to have something in place by the time the Governor's Executive Order ends.

Events and Concerts:

The City is holding off the approval of many summer events until the Governor issues a plan for reopening Michigan. The Memorial Day parade has been cancelled and the Farmers' Market opening has been delayed until May 14th. The City and DDA are still reviewing event applications for the Friday night and Wednesday concerts to determine if they meet State requirements and can safely be held. Other events like Arts and Acts are looking for alternate dates later in the summer or early fall. We will keep you posted.

PPP CARE Act – Back for round #3, beginning at 10:30am on Monday morning, April 27th, applications for PPP loans will once again be accepted. With an additional \$250 billion designated for small business loans, you have another chance to go after it. If you have already submitted a loan application to your lender, find out where it is in the system. Just because your lender approved it, does not mean it actually was sent to the SBA. You can also submit multiple applications to different vendors including nontraditional lenders such as PayPal, Square, and Quickbooks. You can only receive one loan but you can submit multiple applications.

City of Northville Special Events Application

Complete and return this application to the City Manager's Office at least 21 calendar days prior to the starting date of the event.
A new application must be submitted each year.

Event		
Event Name:		
Describe the Event:		
Sponsoring Organization Information		
Legal Business Name:		
Address:	City:	State/Zip:
Mailing Address:	City:	State/Zip:
Telephone:	Email:	
Contact Name:	Title:	
Telephone	Email:	
Contact Person on Day of Event		
Name:	Title:	
Address:	City	State/Zip:
Telephone:	Cell:	Email:
Type of Event (Check one - See Special Events Policy for additional information)		
<input type="checkbox"/> City Operated/Sponsored Event <input type="checkbox"/> Political or Ballot Issue Event <input type="checkbox"/> Run Event <input type="checkbox"/> Co-sponsored Event (all parties must provide sponsoring info and sign application) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Event <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding <input type="checkbox"/> Block Party <input type="checkbox"/> For Profit Event <input type="checkbox"/> Video or Film Production		
Event Information		
Event Location(s):		
Event Date(s):		
Event Hours:		
Estimated date/time for set up:		
Estimated date/time for clean up:		
Describe set up and clean up procedures (include specifically who will be taking care of trash) :		

Event Information (continued)

Estimated DAILY attendance:

Describe crowd control plans for this event:

Describe the Special Event's impact on adjacent commercial and residential property:

Will sidewalks be used? YES NO

If yes, include a detailed map outlining the proposed sidewalk use

Describe sidewalk use:

Will street closures be necessary? YES NO

*If yes, include a detailed map indicating road closures, emergency vehicle access, and barricade locations
The City of Northville does not have authority to close County roads.*

Describe street closures:

*** Streets closed: Date/Time:**

*** Streets re-open: Date/Time:**

Event Information (continued)

Will parking lot closures be necessary? YES NO

If yes, include a detailed map indicating proposed closures and barricade locations

Describe parking lot closures:

* Parking lot(s) closed: Date/Time:

* Parking lot(s) re-open: Date/Time:

What parking arrangements are proposed to accommodate attendance?

Will music be provided/included during the event? YES NO

Describe type of music proposed: Live Amplification Recorded Loudspeakers

Proposed time music will begin:

Proposed time music will end:

Proposed location of live band/disc jockey/loudspeakers/equipment:

Describe noise control:

Event Information (continued)

Will the event require the use of any of the following municipal equipment:

Sponsoring organization should expect to be charged for use, placement, and maintenance of these items

- Trash Receptacles* Quantity: *Sponsoring Organization may be required to supply a dumpster*
- Barricades Quantity:
- Traffic Cones Quantity:
- Other (describe):

Will the following be constructed or located in the event area?

No stakes of any kind allowed on asphalt or in Town Square

- | <u>Item</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Quantity</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Booths: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tents: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Rides: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awnings: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Toilets: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canopies: | | | (may be required depending on event) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rides: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): | |

You must attach a plan of the proposed layout. Include the proposed location of booths, tents, tables, portable toilets, rides, routes, etc.

Will the event have kiddie rides, inflatables (i.e. moonwalk), amusement rides, climbing walls, live animals, hot air balloon, etc.?

- YES NO *If yes, additional insurance coverage will be required*

If yes, describe in detail the types of attractions proposed:

Event Information (continued)

Will the event have food, beverage or concessions? YES NO

(See Section X of the Special Events Policy for health department approvals and temporary food license requirements)

Describe:

Do you plan to have alcohol served at this event? YES* NO

** A \$50.00 fee applies to special liquor license applications and Liquor Liability Insurance is required.*

Include proposed location(s) on event layout and describe measures to be taken to prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors or visibly impaired individuals

Will there be temporary electricity at this event ? YES* NO

** An electrical permit is required. Include proposed locations on event layout*

Generators **Use of Light Pole Outlets** **Temporary Distribution Panel**

Do you plan to have special event signs? Yes No

Signs must conform to City ordinances

Describe signs, proposed locations, etc.

Do you plan to use the city entrance signs? Yes No

If yes, you must apply for use through the City Entrance Sign Policy

Do you plan to have banners?

Yes No

If yes, you must apply for use through the Municipal Banner System Policy

Application Check List (failure to provide necessary documentation will delay application review and approval)

I have attached the following items:

- Completed Application
- Event Map (includes detailed event layout for vendors, rides, booths, electrical needs, etc.)
- Detailed Plan showing road closures, sidewalk use, etc.
- Certificate of Insurance and Indemnification (due to City Clerk's Office within 1 week following notice of event approval)
- Insurance Policy Endorsement (due to City Clerk's Office within 1 week following notice of event approval)
- Event Signage (description)
- Driver's License of Applicant

If document is missing, please explain:

The applicant and sponsoring organization understands and agrees to:

Provide a certificate of insurance with all coverages deemed necessary for this event, name the City of Northville as an additional insured on all applicable polices, provide a separate copy of the insurance policy Endorsement, and submit the required documents to the City Clerk's Office no later than one week following notice of event approval.

Execute an Indemnification Agreement on the sponsoring organizations letterhead and submit it to the City Clerk's Office no later than one week following notice of the event approval.

Comply with all City and County ordinances and applicable State laws, City policies and acknowledges that the special events permit does not relieve the applicant or sponsoring organization from meeting any application requirements of law or other public bodies or agencies;

Promptly pay any billing for City services which may be rendered or deemed necessary as part of the event and event approval.

Applicant and sponsoring organization further understands the approval of this special event may include additional requirements and/or limitations based on the City's review of this application, in accordance with the City's Special Events Policy. The applicant and sponsoring organization understands that it may be necessary to meet with City staff during the review of this application and that City Council approval may be necessary. The applicant agrees the sponsoring organization will operate the event in conformance with the written approval.

Applicant understands that he/she (or the sponsoring organization) is responsible for contacting the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and/or the County Health Department to secure any and all permits required for this event.

As the duly authorized agent of the sponsoring organization, I hereby apply for approval of this Special Event and affirm the above understandings. The information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature	Date
Co-Applicant Signature	Date
Complete this application and return it, along with all required documentation, to the City Manager's Office at least 21 calendar days prior to the starting date of the event. Please note that a new application must be submitted each year. Any questions about this application can be directed to Michelle Massel at mmassel@ci.northville.mi.us or 248-449-9905. Police, Public Works and Parks & Rec can be reached during the event through Dispatch at 248-349-1234.	Application Receipt Date

Describe the event:

The event is tentatively called Reopening Downtown Northville that has been dramatically impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The event establishes boundaries for the safe reopening of Downtown's retail, restaurant and service community. The event will require street closures on Main Street from Hutton to Center Streets, and N. Center from Main to Dunlap Streets. The closure will allow the restaurants to expand their outdoor dining by locating tables and chairs in the public right-of-way, both on the sidewalks and in the closed streets and on private property with the owner's permission. Retail businesses will be allowed to place merchandise along the sidewalk in front of their stores for display purposes to increase exposures to Northville visitors. Strolling musicians will roam the event area providing entertainment to shoppers and diners. As the Governor continues to lift restrictions for social distancing, more music may be added in the later part of summer. Curbside pick-up locations are identified in the plan to provide opportunities for those customers who would prefer to dine at home. The expanded outdoor dining service areas must comply with reduced occupancy and social distancing requirements under Executive Order, Local county health department orders, and local ordinances related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Event Dates:

June 4 - October 31, 2020. These dates are subject to modification based on the status of the Governor's Executive Orders. The outdoor expanded service areas cannot be utilized until places of public accommodation area allowed to reopen for service of food and alcohol to customers under a future Executive Order.

Event Hours:

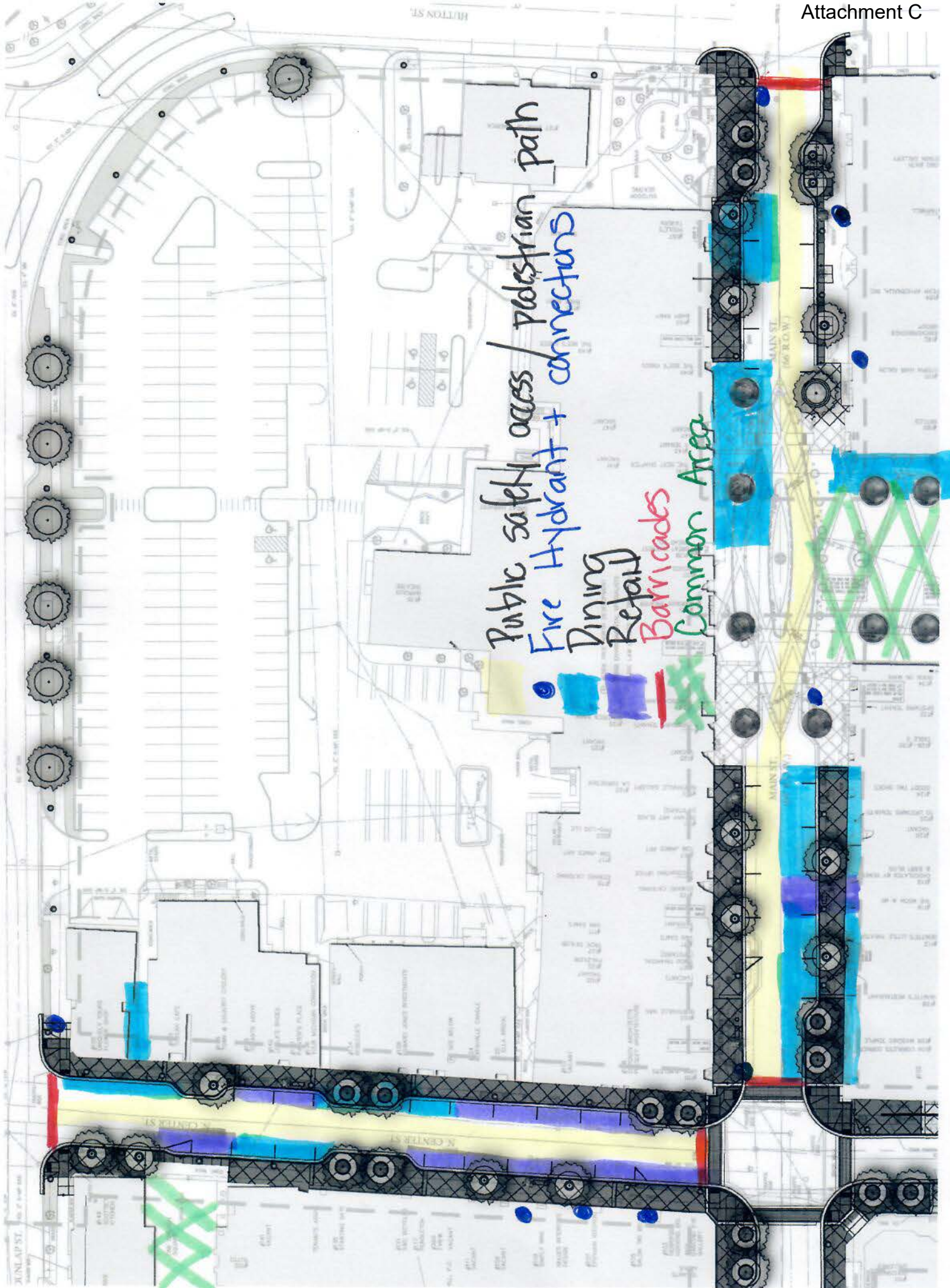
Based on the individual hours of operation of the businesses within the district. The event area will be in place all summer, ending on October 31, 2020.

Describe set up and clean up procedures:

The barriers will be installed at the beginning of the event with assistance by the Northville DPW. The barriers will remain in place until October 31, 2020 unless the City revokes the event permit at an earlier date. Individual property owners will set up their own service areas and are responsible for the removal of trash from their area. DPW and DDA seasonal staff will be responsible for the cleaning and trash pick-up of the common areas.

Estimated Daily Attendance:

The attendance will be determined by the restrictions of the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to reduced occupancy and social distancing.



Public safety access / pedestrian path
Fire Hydrant + connections

Dining
Retail

Barricades

Common Area

Businesses were contacted and asked if they would support the closure of Main & Center Streets to expand outdoor dining and retail merchandising every weekend this summer, on weekends only, or would prefer to keep traffic open.

Name	Business Name	Category	Option	Location
Greg Richards	Browndog Creamery	F	1	E. Main
Paul Gabriel	Browndog Creamery	F	1	E. Main
Erika Brummen	Nourish Northville	F	1	W. Main
Bobby Johnson	Color of the Wood	R	1	N. Center
Jay Tower	Epiphany Kitchen	S	1	N. Center
Christopher Raymond	Spice Merchants	R	2	N. Center
Will Hundley	Tuscan Café	F	1	N. Center
Greg Gilbertson	Orin Jewelers	R	2	E. Main
Gina Van Tyne	InForm Studios	S	1	E. Main
Brian Maiorena	160 Main	F	1	E. Main
John Casey	Poole's Tavern	F	1	E. Main
Nicholas Bonn	Center Street Wealth	S	1	N. Center
Simply Wine	Simply Wine	R	2	N. Center
Lisa Boston	State Farm	S	1	S. Center
Erin Maten	Art House	S	1	W. Cady
Joseph Kartcher	Vlassis	S	2	N. Center
Dan Delano	Edward Jones	S	2	W. Main
Carl Triemestra	Symmetri Marketing Group	S	1	N. Center
Kathy McLallen	Keller Williams Advantage	S	1	N. Center
Chris Van Dam	Van Dams	R	1	E. Main
Derek Blair	Northville Gallery	R	1	E. Main
Joan Moore	Arbor Consulting	S	1	E. Main
Jen Luikart	Mill Race Village	S	1	Grisowold
Jim Long	Long Mechanical	S & R	3	E. Main
Allision Long	Long Mechanical	S & R	2	E. Main
Julie and David Cole	Great Harvest Bread Co.	F	2	E. Main
Koko Bedrossian	KB Jewelers	R	2	N. Center
Mark Evasik	Garage Grill	F	2	W. Main
Orin Jewelers	Orin Jewelers	R	1	E. Main
Rick Cox	Water Wheel Building	S	1	E. Main
Michael Husak	Wealth Advantage Group	S	1	N. Center
Rebecca Goode	Rebecca's Restauarant	F	1	N. Center
Rick Franks	Live Nation	S	1	W. Main
John Kelly	Kelly & Kelly Law Firm	S	1	E. Main
Alicia Racine	Adorn Flowers	R	1	E. Main
Jenn and Peggy	Pearapharnalia	R	2	E. Main

Theresa Schierloh	Dancing Eye Gallery	R	1	N. Center
Tita Daskall	Salon 170	S & R	3	E. Main
Jessie Simcheck	Tre' Bella V	S	2 or 3	N. Center
Antoinette Mazonni	Orin Jewelers	R	1	E. Main
Mishelle Lussier	Table 5	F	1	E. Main
Mishelle Lussier	Lucy and the Wolf	F	1	E. Main
George Farah	LeGeorge	F	1	E. Main
Laura Genitti	Genitti's Hole in-the-Wall	F	1	E. Main
Chris Shelters	Edwards Café & Caterer	F	1	E. Main
Total 45 received	Full Closure for summer		32	
	Closure on weekends ony		11	
	No street closure		2	
* F + Food/Restaurant				
R = Retail				
S = Service				

Comments to Survey #2 on Reopening Downtown

Close everyting until further notice.

100% vote for option #1. Closing for more pedestrians will create more revenue opportunities for downtown business in our opinion.

This may not only help our businesses, but could very well help reshape the downtown area into what many would like to see on a permanent basis.

I think either #1 or #2 would be great for the businesses downtown. Whatever you guys decide we are in 100%.

I believe the best opportunity for downtown Northville to shine and support retail, restaurant and the community is to close both Main Street and Center Street for the entire duration of the summer. (If not thorough October and the skeletons.)

This will provide an opportunity for people to enjoy downtown Northville and its businesses in a socially responsible environment.

We are already open late every Thursday night and we see very little foot traffic. To expand into the street every day would require additional staffing for both inside the store and outside the store when there's already very little foot traffic in the evenings during the week. Most shoppers know that downtown businesses are open until 7 PM on Thursday but very few frequent the shops. It would be detrimental to the businesses to have staff their business, inside and out, as well as the hassle of moving merchandise in and out seven days a week. It's not practical and would do nothing to increase sales. However, it would increase payroll costs both through the need to "double staff "locations but also by extending business hours. Additionally, curbside pick up is going to be with us for a very long time. There will still be people who are afraid to shop and/or have compromised immune systems which will prevent them from going into stores. These people would likely be shopping during the day and would need easy access to curbside pick up. We are all for doing anything to increase sales but I don't think this is the right move. I question whether those residents who push for something like this would actually be down in the evenings during the week. The weekend only idea is do.

Option #1. I appreciate your forward thinking! Thank you!

It should be easy to create a ring road E/W along Dunlap down Wing then back East along Cady to Dunlap and or Griswold. That will allow access to all Public parking while maximizing access to Retail and restaurants.

I think it would be great to have the streets closed completely for the whole summer.

Only thought. Adding additional parking and signage to it. Maybe empty buildings lots on center street? Or Cady gravel lots etc. Make them temporary city lots. If loss of parking spots are a concern....

We vote for Option #1, closing the streets for the entire summer.

I choose option 1. I think it would be best for the downtown businesses to have customers have easy access to what they offer all week long, not only on the weekends. It seems like quite a job to open and close it every weekend. I do wonder how they will get deliveries and

Thanks for the opportunity to give input. I would also like to see more bike racks.

#3 Currently my favorite of the options presented. The restaurants, the entrepreneurs, they will get creative and come up with ideas and plans moving forward

I would suggest that Option#2 (Friday- Sunday) be used instead of closing streets 7 days/week

I have no objection to closing the streets for weekdays and/or weekends for businesses downto

In my opinion we should do whatever is reasonably necessary to help our local businesses.
I vote for number 3, I think cars should drive by right now there is not enough traffic in the city to close the streets down, at least when a car drives by they will see that a store is open.
I am NOT ok with North Center being shut down for the duration of the summer. I own 105 N.Center Salon Tre' Bella V. I depend on visibility from traffic flow for continued new business. I have been shut down since March 23 of this year, and still am not able to open, with no clear date provided. I would be ok with perhaps closing the street for Saturday and Sundays, to compromise and help other business. That is all I can agree to. I'm struggling too due to this shutdown and have received no help.
I vote for Option #1, a full closure all summer, all days. This will allow for more social distancing all days and I think the downtown businesses need all the help they can get. It also creates more of a festive atmosphere every day, not just the weekends. I know when the Flower weekend has been downtown and the art fairs, I get a lot of feedback from people of how much they enjoy the pedestrian Street walkways and safety.
Option #1 sounds perfect to me & my people. LMK what I can do to help.

Lori Ward

From: Antoinette Kramar <antoinette@orinjewelers.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Brian Turnbull; Lori Ward
Cc: Orin Mazzoni; omazzoni@aol.com
Subject: Closing Main & Center through October - Orin Jewelers

Hi Mayor Turnbull and Lori,

I hope this email finds you well and rested from a beautiful weekend. I wanted to thank Lori for taking the time to have the Zoom meeting with some of us merchants last week. I think it was great to hear everyone's opinion and we probably could've talked for 3 hours if Zoom would have let us 😊

I work with my dad, Orin Mazzoni, owner of Orin Jewelers. We wanted to give you more feedback in regards to closing Main and Center all summer long. We love the idea of creating this walkable downtown and to encourage outdoor dining and commerce. Although a *way better fit for our business would be to close the streets on the weekends only*, we understand that closing them down completely and being able to design the space to be semi-permanent, makes a lot of sense for the majority involved.

We would appreciate your consideration in helping us find a solution for our curbside pickup business. Right now, almost all of our business is curbside and if the streets get shutdown that will shut us off completely. If this all goes through, we would like to get a designated parking spot (just during these times) for Orin Jewelers curbside pickup. This could be next to the 15 minute loading zone spot right behind Rococo. Another option could be on Main Street somewhere near Dancing Eye Gallery. I am open to any options once the entire logistics have been planned out. The safety and security of our customers and employees is of our utmost importance. It is already interesting times that our customers have to come into a jewelry store wearing masks, so we'd like to keep curbside as close as possible to our front door to keep everyone safe.

We also STRONGLY oppose the use of tents for outdoor dining. This would completely kill the European feel and quaint atmosphere of dining outside. The tents would become an eyesore and make the town look like a carnival (don't mean to be harsh but that's how I feel 😊) If the restaurant owners are willing to invest in large tents, they should be willing to invest in more tables and umbrellas which would keep the look of our downtown beautiful.

Thank you for considering our opinions and needs for our business. Looking forward to seeing how this all works out for our beautiful city! If you'd like to discuss this further please call me (248.515.4476) or Orin (734.748.2480)

Warm regards,
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Subject: Reopening Downtown

To all,

I have a conflict for the 2:00 call tomorrow, thus I forward my observations and comments. I have copied the Mayor (DDA member) and City Council as all final decisions rest with them. Pat Sullivan and Jody Humphries are copied as well.

Part of this email is my 5-29 response below of the three options.

I walk Main street, from east to west almost every week day. On these walks, prior to C-19, there is always very little pedestrian activity during the day. One thing that is prominent is vehicle traffic, plenty of it. People want their stores, shops restaurants to be on Main and Center St. for a number of reasons. First and foremost is the exposure, not only to pedestrians but to traffic. Store fronts, window displays, professional shingles, all of this is for identification and recognition of their services. If the streets are closed down, the vehicle traffic, which is most of the exposure the store fronts get, goes away. If the streets close down during the week, Northville will be a ghost town during the day.

Having a shop, store, professional office, restaurant in Northville is a very fragile existence. Everyone has suffered these past few weeks, and will continue to do so in the weeks to come. I have as much compassion for our local restaurants as anyone, and have been getting carryout regularly. The other stores that are on lockdown, no carry out from them. No sniff of any sales, no receipts, no income. They are hurting, big time. To shut down the streets will be in my opinion extremely detrimental to all store fronts. I know, we are living it. Personally and with our tenants.

A quick walk around, approximate head count a couple of weeks ago on E. Main and N. Center. 14 restaurants and/or a place to get a snack or beverage. The balance of storefronts – 34. 70% of the store fronts with no carry out, no curb service.

We need to keep our streets open.

Now, when it was first suggested that we close for the weekends I was for it. After our last DDA meeting and hearing of the obstacles and regulations I now have reservations. Carlisle Wortman involvement, building officials, emergency vehicle access, law enforcement, health department, LCC. I asked in our meeting why we couldn't cut the restaurants some slack on these regs so they can get back into business.

A question, with all of the additional tables the eateries will need on the weekend, what will happen to them during the week? Where will they be stored?

Closing the streets for all day on the weekends? Many people visit Northville on the weekends, if not to stop and walk around, but to drive around. Again, valuable exposure to the store fronts in this town. If the decision is to close them, then consider doing it at 5:00 PM. A number of the eateries are only open for dinner.

Another concern to consider if the streets are closed. Genitti's, which I believe is the oldest eatery in this town that is still operated by the original owners. No small feat. Real survivors. When they get rolling they need vehicle traffic, people get dropped off with packages for showers etc. and people get dropped off that may have trouble with the walk from a distant parking lot. We need a solution. By the way, hats off to Laura and her crew for the supply and delivery of food (at all hours of the night) to the health care workers.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Reopening Downtown

Lori,

Option 1: Absolutely dead set against this. Store fronts, be it retail, restaurants, or offices need exposure. They all need traffic driving by for people to see who and what is on our main thoroughfares.

Northville will be a ghost town for 99% of the time. We were in discussions, granted prior to the C-9 issue, of reducing the amount of street closures, understand the change in the current temporary scenery but the basic fact remains, this town needs the traffic, for many many reasons.

Option 2: I was originally in agreement with the weekend closure. After our last DDA meeting and listening to the stumbling blocks that may be required, Sally, Building Dept, Dept. of Health, emergency vehicle access etc. I now have some reservations with it. One thing that comes to mind is what happens to the temporary tables the rest of the week? What about Koji, The Three Amigos, and others? What about the people that will not be still want to pick up carry out?

Option 3: Currently my favorite of the options presented. The restaurants, the entrepreneurs, they will get creative and come up with ideas and plans moving forward.

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