AGENDA

DNN Advisory

Members:
Christopher Billmeier • Christine Carson • Laurie Craft • Daniel Drent • Latesha Lipscomb • Rose Martinez White • Kelli Jo Peltier • Jonathan Shotwell • Arianna Skentzos • Neil Sly • Kathy Steindler • Eddie Tadlock • Jim Talen • Mark Tangen •

November 04, 2021
11:30pm- 1:00pm
29 Pearl Street, Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.

Please think about and be prepared to share answers to the questions in bold.

1. Introductions: All Members
2. Pedestrian Safety Project Update Kendsie Channing
3. New Advisory Member Recruitment Group Discussion
   o Questions to Consider: Vote recommended
     ▪ Who do you know who might be interested?
     ▪ Who will not be returning?
     ▪ Do we want to keep the same requirements as developed last year?
4. Reaffirming DNN Goals Group Discussion
   o Questions to Consider: Vote recommended
     ▪ What does the DNN want to accomplish within the next year (2022)?
     ▪ How do we want to be communicating?
     ▪ What are our assets as a group, where do we need additional support?
5. Miscellaneous Kendsie Channing
   o Holiday Party update
   o Meeting dates for 2022
6. New Business
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn

Our next meeting will be held in-person on December 2, 2021, at 11:30 am.

The DNN exists to foster a community of downtown neighbors that are connected, informed and empowered to improve downtown living.
INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the 2021 Downtown Neighbor Network (DNN) Pedestrian Safety Data Collection Pilot. Thank you for volunteering your time! We couldn’t do this without you. Please fill out the conditions of the recording location on the right of this sheet.

Any time a motorist drives by, please use the speed gun to determine and record their speed. The first two recording sections on the back of this sheet allow you to describe the pedestrian interaction associated with that motorist, if there is one. There does not have to be a pedestrian in order for you to record the motorist. The third speed column is extra space in the instance there are many motorists and you need more room.

Please feel free to write anywhere on this sheet!

PROJECT GOALS

With this data, the DNN hopes to help advocate for...
1) the reduction of speed limits throughout Downtown
2) the implementation of no turn on red in Downtown
3) informing conversation about local pedestrian safety

FAQ

Q: Where do I turn in the speed gun?
A: Please return it at XXX
Q: What if I run out of space?
A: XXX
Q: What do I do if I see a crash?
A: Call 911.

VOLUNTEER NAME & DATE ____________________________

CONDITIONS

WEATHER
light / medium / heavy rain / snow
fog / sunshine / cloudy / nighttime

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS
light (1 motorist ever 30 seconds or less)
mild (1 motorist ever 10 seconds)
medium (constant traffic but no congestion)
heavy (heavy congestion to standstill traffic)

notes:
Please describe how many, and where, the following are:

STOP SIGN(s) ____________________________
TRAFFIC LIGHT(s) ____________________________
OTHER TRAFFIC SIGN(s)/SIGNAL(s) ____________________________

WHAT IS THE SPEED LIMIT AT THIS LOCATION? __________

WHAT TYPES OF LANE(S) (BUS, VEHICULAR, BIKE, PARKING, PEDESTRIAN)? HOW MANY OF EACH? __________

ARE THERE TREES? ____________________________
IS THERE A MEDIAN? ____________________________
HOW FAR AND WHERE IS THE CLOSEST PED XING? BUS STOP?

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS / CONCERNS / SUGGESTIONS
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DNN Advisory Recruitment Process

• The DNN term of service is reviewed annually in October where DNN are asked if they would like to serve for another year. DNN Advisors are invited to recommit to the advisory for the upcoming year.

• Also, in October, the DNN Advisory will prioritize what are looking for in new Advisory members. For instance: buildings are underrepresented, areas of the Downtown, and race, age and skill set.

• The DNN Advisory should not exceed 18 members. Most major buildings in Downtown should be represented. The group size can fluctuate.
DNN Advisory Recruitment Process: 2022 timeline

- Adjustments for 2022 due to new hire.
- Advisory members are welcome to share application with potential candidates.
- It will be shared on the DNN Facebook page and in the DNN Newsletter.
- The DNN Advisory reviews applications at the November meeting. Referencing agreed upon recruitment priorities. Staff and Chair recommend a slate to the group for discussion.

November
- Applications live on November 1, 2021
- Applications due on November 30, 2021

December
- The DNN elects members

January
- Terms for new board members would begin in January of 2022.

What will onboarding look like?
At the September DNN Advisory meeting we ran out of time to discuss the DNN Advisory Recruitment Process. In your opinion, what is the best way to elect DNN Advisory members?

Let the DNN Chair and staff decide whom is on the DNN Advisory: 53.85% (7 votes)

The full DNN Advisory should vote on whom is on the DNN Advisory: 46.15% (6 votes)

Total votes: 13
DNN Advisory Recruitment Process

Chair and Vice Chair Roles:

- Chair and Vice Chair have a term of service of 2 years, then they can step down or recommit to another 2 years for up to 2 terms.

- Chair of DNN Advisory helps set agenda, chairs meetings and helps to manage the advisory members. This person is the leader and champion of the DNN Advisory and works closely with staff.

- The Vice Chair of the DNN Advisory chairs meetings in the absence of the Chair and provides additional support and leadership to ad hoc committees and projects. This person will likely be asked to step up as Chair when the Chair is no longer able to serve. But they do not necessarily have to serve as Chair.
DNN Committee Roster

Who should we target for recruitment in 2022?

• Student Resident
  • 5 Lyon - 175
  • Winter Hall - 170
  • Where else do students live?

• Who is not currently here? What voices and experiences do we need to include?

• Other large properties not yet represented:
  • 234 Market - 234 units
  • Studio Park Lofts - 230 units
DNN Committee Roster

Whom should we target for recruitment in 2022?
• Are all areas of Downtown represented?
• Are major buildings in Downtown are represented?
• Are renters and owners equality represented?
• Are all age groups represented?
• Does the DNN have a diverse make up of members?

• Here is a link to our online application: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8YMTFVY

• I will follow up the completed applications with an in-person interview in November and with Kelli Jo’s help plan to present additions to you in the December meeting for your approval.
Downtown Neighbor Network Advisory

Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.
29 Pearl St. NW, Suite 1
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

2022 Meeting Schedule

January 6, 2022- 11:30pm- 1:00pm
February 3, 2022- 11:30pm- 1:00pm
March 3, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
April 7, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
May 5, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
June 2, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
July 7, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
August 4, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
September 1, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
October 6, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
November 3, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm
December 1, 2022- 11:30am-1:30pm

Please contact Mandy at Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. at 616-719-4610 or mmcdaniel@downtowngr.org to RSVP for each meeting.