

**CITY OF CHELSEA
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
7:30 A.M, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

MEETING NOTES

Present: Jackson, Feeney, Flintoft, Galvin, Heydlauff, Holman, Morrel-Samuels, Myles, Pierce, Winans, Hanifan

Absent: Frisinger, Schwarz

Others Present: Howard Deardorff, Lincoln Poley, Lauren Meyers; Christine Linfield, Jim Drolett; Steve Brouwer, Scott McElrath, Gregory Raye, Darlene Stanley

President Jackson opened the meeting at 7:32 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Landscape Architect Howard Deardorff who was presenting ideas, tentative concepts for the Longworth property on Jackson St. He stated his criteria:

- a) Cost – DDA has a limited budget of approximately \$1M
 - b) Sensitivity to history and heritage of the area
 - c) Plan has to have flexibility i.e. parking, but not a rigid concept
 - d) Complement what is already here, not compete.
- 2. Before showing concepts for Longworth Area Planning Design, he showed some similar areas in other communities.**
 - 3. Deardorff projected three concepts which included removing and/or renovating portions of the three buildings. Public restrooms would most likely be a part of any plan. Putting a fence along the RR tracks is another idea for security if a farmers market was located there. Vacant space could be used for a parking lot.**
 - 4. The next approach is to meet with all the adjacent property owners to get their opinions and ideas on how to proceed.**
 - 5. A public workshop will be scheduled in March.**
 - 6. Deardorff cautioned to look ahead so as not to do something that which the DDA would regret in the future.**
 - 7. Deardorff will wait to hear from DDA before planning to return or move forward on any more ideas. This portion was what Deardorff had agreed to do.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.