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AD HOC HEMMING PLAZA COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

March 16, 2012

12 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 3112, Ed Ball Building 214 North Hogan Street

In attendance: Kelley Boree, Karen Nasrallah, Dan Macdonald and Marilyn Allen.

Meeting convened: March 14, 3:00 p.m.

Subcommittee Chairman Kelley Boree opened the meeting by stating the money will need to be found to pay for the in-person survey that is to be conducted in Hemming Plaza. No one from Downtown Vision was in attendance to discuss the final questions and possible funding sources. The Internet survey is currently underway.

Ms. Boree said that the sub-committee remains split on the action that needs to be taken about removing the permanent tables and chairs noting that some wanted them all removed, while others wanted only those clustered near the corner of Laura and Duval Streets removed. By adopting the sub-committee's report at the last meeting, the committee has not made a firm decision on this issue. Ms. Boree said that she would look into providing dollar figures on the cost of removing the tables and chairs. She estimated it would cost \$500 per set. Once removed, the tables and chairs would not be reusable in her opinion.

Permitting parking on Monroe Street was discussed. Karen Nasrallah said JEDC had looked into that question a few years ago and said that if parking was added it would yield only five or six parallel parking spots. If parking was added it would either have to encroach on park property or remove a traffic lane from Monroe Street. Ms. Boree said it is her recommendation not to add parking to Monroe Street.

Responsibilities for operating Hemming Plaza will be split for now with Special Events and Parks handling programming and Public Works and Parks handling maintenance. However, Ms. Boree said that this arrangement could change as the Administration continues to reorganize the roles of various departments and divisions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.