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MEETING NOTICE - COMMUNITY CHARRETTE TO HELP CREATE A NEW SUSTAINABLE VISION FOR THE THIRD STREET CORRIDOR IN MARQUETTE

The City of Marquette, with support from the Marquette DDA and Northern Michigan University, has received grant funding from the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority to conduct a comprehensive planning effort called the "Third Street Corridor Sustainable Development Plan."

This comprehensive planning effort is intended to provide guidance for the mixed-use corridor in the form of a Sub-District Plan and a Form Based Code. The project is intended to address sustainable and equitable housing and transportation alternatives, improving economic conditions for local businesses, identifying appropriate energy-efficiency options and storm water management techniques, and reconciling the district with the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The most important event of this project is a five-day community charrette that will be conducted by the project consulting team. A charrette is an intense, participatory planning process where all members of the community can work directly with a design team that includes planners, architects, traffic engineers, retail consultants, landscape architects, illustrators, and land use professionals to define a common vision.

The community is encouraged to participate in the following charrette events that will help shape the future of the Third Street Corridor. All events will be held at the Marquette Commons:

Opening Lecture: Thursday, May 16th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Studio Hours and Public Lectures: Thursday, May 16th - Sunday, May 19th - The studio is open to the public daily (Sunday 1/2 day) and public lectures will be held at 12 Noon on Friday and Saturday. A full schedule will be available at City Hall, the Marquette DDA, and on the City website.

Closing Presentation: Monday, May 20th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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