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Bright Ideas Furniture Under Contract to Purchase Haberman Fabrics Building, Store Relocating and Development Occurring

Bright Ideas Furniture, owned by Royal Oak residents Jennifer and David Dilley, has announced that they are under contract to purchase and relocate late spring to the former site of Haberman Fabrics at 905 S. Main Street. The Haberman family retired and closed the location last month.

Jennifer Dilley stated, "Our new location will be a single-story building that will provide a destination shopping experience for our customers. We recently became the Detroit representative of the Contemporary Design Group (CDG), and the feedback from the CDG was that this is a great opportunity to improve our customer's experience!"

Bright Ideas Furniture, a 2nd generation family owned business specializing in contemporary home furnishings and accessories, will be leaving 220 S. Main Street, where they have operated for over 30 years. When asked if they would sell the building, David responded, "We are not selling, but currently working with Jon Sarkesian Architects to potentially add two floors like my father-in-law wanted to do 20 years ago." They intend to market the project in the next few weeks, and depending on the interested tenants, they will develop the building for retail, restaurant, and/or office. David said, "We have 20,000 square feet ready for renovation once we move out to quickly meet a new tenant's timing."

220 S. Main Street is a great location and offers the possibility of attracting something new and exciting downtown. The building is highly visible, located at the corner of Third and Main in the heart of downtown with two parking structures just steps away on Third and Center Street.

This project will contribute to Royal Oak's elevating skyline and attract more business and activity. As many new developments in the downtown progress, over 200,000 square feet of new office space will come online, which will greatly contribute to daytime foot traffic and a healthy retail environment. This conceptual project would greatly contribute to the positive momentum taking place downtown.

220 S. Main Street currently has approximately 6,500 square feet on each of the three levels (street, 2nd floor, and lower) with the potential additions of a third or fourth floor for a total of 32,000 square feet.

For more information on this project, please contact Downtown Manager Sean Kammer.

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About the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority

The Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) mission is to promote economic growth and revitalization in Downtown Royal Oak.

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Figure 1: Bright Ideas Furniture, 220 S. Main Street



Figure 2: Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main Street