



City of Allegan
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
City of Allegan Council Chambers
231 Trowbridge Street

December 11, 2019

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

II. Attendance

Present: Chair Ryan Deery, Vice Chair Tracy Clawson, Carl Canales, Landria Christman, Kelly McLean, Traci Perrigo, Marcia Wagner

Absent: Nicole Richmond, Mike Villar

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager, Parker Johnson, Promotions Coordinator

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the previous minutes from October 9, 2019, by Marcia Wagner, supported by Kelly McLean. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. FY19/20 Year to Date DDA Budget Review

None.

VI. Discussion

1. Finalize Downtown Parking Discussion (Part 1)

City Staff presented to the DDA a Downtown Parking Plan that outlines overnight, public, and employee parking. The group agreed with the proposed overnight plan, designated the northern most parking lot (the “Bubba’s Lot”) the commercial vehicle parking lot, and agreed on encouragement to convince downtown employees to park in the lots located on the furthest outskirts of the Downtown (the “Bubba’s Lot” and the “Perrigo Outlet Store Lot”).

Staff will return in January with Finalize Downtown Parking Discussion (Part 2)

2. Allegan City Dam Discussion

On request from the City Council, Staff asked the DDA for their thoughts on the removal of the Allegan City Dam. If the dam is removed, the DDA would like to see the following amenities included in the final design:

- running/walking trails
- canoe/kayak launch
- boatable
- dockable
- boat ramp
- navigatable waters from up stream and downstream
- wetland – less trees, more tall grass
- birdhouses
- accessible water
- picnic tables/benches
- terraced seating
- interactive water features
- connectivity to the other side of the Iron Bridge
- elevated boardwalk over marsh
- completed loop around the riverfront
- green space
- additional parking in the Mill District

Motion in favor of complete removal of the Allegan City Dam, contingent on the inclusion of the amenities included in the Allegan Dam Feasibility and Conceptual Design Report as well as the list above and appropriate funding for such improvement, made by Ryan Deery, supported by Carl Canales. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. DDA Member/Staff Comments

Joel informed the group that the Downtown Retail Market Analysis done by Gibbs Planning Group was returned and Staff would review it and share the analysis and a brief overview of its findings with the DDA via email before the holiday.

Marcia Wagner announced her resignation from the DDA Board.

Ryan Deery announced his resignation from the DDA Board and from his position as Director of the Allegan District Library.

City Staff thanked both Marcia and Ryan for their service and dedication to the DDA Board, as well as to the downtown in their positions outside of their board membership.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Parker Johnson
Promotions Coordinator**