



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

February 12, 2020

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

II. Attendance

Present: Chair Kelly McLean, Vice Chair Carl Canales, Landria Christman, Tracy Clawson, Mark Heather, Michelle Liggett, Marcia Wagner

Absent: Traci Perrigo

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

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the previous minutes from January 8, 2020, by Christman, supported by Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Public Comment

Parker Johnson took the opportunity to welcome new board members Mark Heather and Michelle Liggett to the DDA.

V. FY19/20 Year to Date DDA Budget Review

City Manager Joel Dye updated the board and new members on the purpose of the DDA budget.

VI. Discussion

a. Request to Reappoint Megan Bouwman to the Positively Allegan Board

Motion was offered by Christman with support from Heather to approve and appoint Megan Bouwman to the Positively Allegan board. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Presentation from the Friends of the Riverfront

Landria Christman and Michelle Liggett of the Friends of the Riverfront presented information on the upcoming ballot proposal 2020-2.

c. Shared Downtown Dumpster System Introduction

Dye and Johnson presented the initial ideas behind a shared dumpster system for Downtown businesses. Immediate feedback was clear that this is a necessary improvement to the Downtown. Other comments included adding sufficient lighting for safety concerns, a closer option for Brady Street users, and questions on cost for individual businesses.

Staff will continue work as we move forward.

d. Downtown OPEN Flags

Johnson gave history of blue open flags currently in use by Downtown business owners, looking for feedback on continuation. Flags are three years old, some businesses have closed, many more have opened in that time.

DDA recommended allowing businesses to choose their own flags, and collected unused blue flags to give as place holders for other businesses who do not have one.

VII. DDA Member/Staff Comments

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04am.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Parker Johnson
Promotions Coordinator**