



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Public Spaces Commission
Allegan, MI 49010**

**Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to order: Judi McCall called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Attendance: Judi McCall, Rosie Hunter, Teresa Galloway, Paula Mintek, Korree Johnson, Landria Christman, Pete Savage

Absent: Cyndi Reed

Also Present: Joel Dye, Aaron Haskin

3. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2020: Landria, supported by Pete, motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of adding Paula Mintek to the attendance. The minutes were approved with the correction and the minutes were updated.

4. Mural Ordinance Update: Joel reported that the City Council is happy with the current ordinance which allows murals and wants to encourage art on private buildings. They are in support of murals and they don't want to restrict art on buildings. Teresa commented that the City Council doesn't want the responsibility to determine what is art. The DDA has a 1-1 match for murals in their proposed 2020-2021 budget. The DDA will develop some guidelines and review proposals when funding requests come in. If City Council approves their budget in May, they will begin accepting applications for murals in July. Korree suggested members from the Arts Council attend a Downtown Merchants meeting to see what interest there is in painting murals on some buildings.

5. Cemetery Rules Update: The City Council briefly discussed the proposed cemetery rules submitted by the Public Spaces Commission at their February 24 Council pre-session. They will be getting a list of comments to Joel for the Commission to discuss. Two of the comments from the meeting

were issues with having the cemetery open 24 hours and dogs being allowed in the cemetery. When the comment list is ready this will be on a future agenda for discussion.

6. Monarch Butterfly Habitat Plantings: Paula shared grant information from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to improve monarch butterfly and pollinator habitats. She stated there are some areas at the Sports Complex which could be improved for monarch habitats.
7. 2020-2021 Park Improvements: Aaron shared there not any major capital improvement projects proposed in the parks this next fiscal year. The City is proposing to do over \$1,000,000 of improvements to the 2nd Street Bridge and the Cutler Street Parking lot and funds will be needed for those projects.
8. Comments:
 - Landria commented that she will see if there is still interest in painting some of the downtown flowerpots.
 - Korree would like to see some of the bump out areas in the downtown planted with landscaping. Some specific areas are on Locust Street in front of Bubba's Sports Bar and on Water Street near Allegan Veterinarian Clinic.
9. Adjournment: Rosie, supported by Terresa, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

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