



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Teresa Galloway, Korree Johnson, Peter Savage

Absent: Mark Heather, Rosie Hunter, Katie James, Cyndi Reed

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager, Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager, Doug Kadzban, Department of Public Works Director

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2021 made by Korree, supported by Paula. Motion carried 4-0. Teresa abstained.

4. Public Comment

5. Discussion Items

a. Strategic Planning

- i. As part of a focused effort to set priorities and ensure that all subcommittees are working toward common goals with the Allegan City Council, this board met in advance of the City Council's January strategic planning session to set its own intentions in the next fiscal year.
- ii. City Parks identified as priority were, in no particular order:
 1. Oakwood Cemetery
 2. Riverfront Park
 3. Rossman Esplanade
 4. Water Street Boardwalk
- iii. Elements of City Parks identified as priority were, in no particular order:
 1. Allegan Sports Complex

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- a. Light the 1-mile walking trail
 - b. Convert the upper practice field to a Monarch garden
 - 2. Mahan Park
 - a. Install new or repair existing gazebo
 - 3. Oakwood Cemetery
 - a. Reactivate main fountain
 - b. Repair fence along Western
 - c. Relocate Veterans Memorial
 - 4. Riverfront Park
 - a. Identify tree replacement along boardwalk
 - b. Outdoor ping pong tables
 - c. Ensure pedestrian safety and make it possible to block off the Riverfront to vehicular traffic as needed
 - 5. Rossman Esplanade
 - a. Install drip irrigation system
 - b. Install benches at pickleball court
 - c. Resurface pickleball court
 - 6. Water Street Boardwalk
 - a. Install swings/lights in Water Street Gazebo
 - b. Power wash/clean boardwalk
 - 7. Other Priorities
 - a. Improved Downtown landscaping
 - b. City-wide wayfinding signage
 - c. Street pole banners throughout town
 - d. Pocket park to replace community garden
- iv. Other desires and elements listed by board members included:
 - 1. Allegan Dam Access Point
 - a. Improved signage
 - 2. Allegan Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Expanded parking
 - c. Expanded trail
 - 3. Allegan Sports Complex
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Install donation box
 - c. 18-Hole disc golf course
 - 4. Hanson Park
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Trash cans
 - 5. Jaycee Park
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Additional picnic tables
 - c. Install benches
 - d. Resurface basketball court
 - e. Upgrade to concrete pads for disc golf course
 - f. Pedestrian bridge over drainage ditch
 - g. Skate park concrete repair/improvements
 - 6. Mahan Park

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- a. Improved signage
 - b. Repair raised sidewalk/bricks
 - c. Address display case by gazebo
- 7. Oakwood Cemetery
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Address perimeter fencing
 - c. Install donation box
- 8. Riverfront Park
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Utility rerouting
 - c. Install new tree in the space by statue
 - d. Relocate Veterans Memorial
- 9. Rossman Esplanade
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Improved/cohesive landscaping
 - c. Additional picnic tables
 - d. Outdoor chess/checkers
- 10. Sue Lange Memorial Park
 - a. Improved signage
- 11. Water Street Boardwalk
 - a. Improved signage
 - b. Bank stabilization
 - c. Clear/up limb trees for better view and less slippery boardwalk
- 12. Other
 - a. Address rental and park policies
 - b. More holiday/seasonal decorations
 - c. Install interactive sculptures
 - d. Install a joggling board in the appropriate park

6. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

- a. City Staff Comments
 - i. Joel and Parker thanked those commission members who attended the October 5 Community Conversation meeting regarding the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project and reminded all in attendance that the second part to that meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26 at the City Hall Council Chambers from 6:00-8:00pm.
- b. Board Member Comments
 - i. Pete shared an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery and reminded the group of the Armintrout/Milbocker Nature Preserve coming up on October 16.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Parker Johnson

Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

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