



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Teresa Galloway, Mark Heather (7:07pm), Rosie Hunter, Korree Johnson, Peter Savage

Absent: Vice Chair Paula Mintek, 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 October 13, 2021 made by Peter, supported by Rosie.
Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

a. Other Comments

- i. Rosie asked for an update on the expansion of the Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail. Joel and Doug informed the group that no response has been had from Pritchard Estates Apartments on the easement needed to utilize more land for the expansion of the trails.

6. Oakwood Cemetery

a. Other Comments

- i. Peter gave an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery. The City Council approved a request at their last meeting for the Friends to hold a headstone preservation class in June 2022.

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- ii. A discussion was had regarding cemetery rules. The board would like city staff to develop a set of rules and present them at a future meeting.
- iii. Peter asked about the potential of a security system in place at the cemetery to curtail vandalism.

7. Trees

- a. Other Comments

8. Other Discussion Items

- a. Downtown Streetscape Improvement
 - i. Joel and Parker led the group through a review of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement project.
 - ii. The majority of the group expressed concern over the elimination of parking along the northbound side of Brady Street, specifically how that would affect drivers turning left onto Brady from entering across the bridge.
 - iii. Interest from the majority of the group about exploring a pedestrian plaza at the end of Trowbridge Street between Minnie's Restaurant and the former Creative Events buildings.
 - iv. Member of the public Steve Tibbitts stressed, "Look to the future" when planning the Downtown Streetscape.

9. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

- a. City Staff Comments
 - i. Parker shared an update on the upcoming Festive Fridays events happening December 3, 10, and 17.
- b. Board Member Comments
 - i. There was a question from Rosie on the enforcement of dog owners picking up after their pets and keeping them on a leash when walking in public.
 - ii. A comment from Judi led to a swell of support from the board for the Downtown Allegan Social District as it reaches one year of existence.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Parker Johnson
Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager**