



CITY OF ALLEGAN  
Public Spaces Commission  
Allegan City Hall  
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:30pm

## AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Parks & Recreation**
  - a) Allegan Mountain Bike Trail
  - b) Other Comments
- 6. Oakwood Cemetery**
  - a) Living History Cemetery Tour
  - b) Other Comments
- 7. Trees**
  - a) Arbor Day
  - b) 2021 Tree Plantings
  - c) Other Comments
- 8. Other Discussion Items**
  - a) 2021 Downtown Flora Follow Up
- 9. Comments from City Staff & Board Members**
- 10. Adjournment**

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PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

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Wednesday, February 10, 2020 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**2. Attendance**

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Terresa Galloway, Rosie Hunter, Katie James, Peter Savage

Absent: Mark Heather, Korree Johnson, Cyndi Reed

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

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020 by Paula, supported by Katie. Motion carried 6-0.

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Parks & Recreation**

a. Other Comments

- i. Paula acknowledged the groomed cross-country ski trail located at the Sports Complex.

**6. Oakwood Cemetery**

a. Other Comments

- i. Peter provided an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery.

**7. Trees**

a. Other Comments

- i. Rosie voiced her displeasure with her discovery of tree removal along

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Hubbard Street in front of Tibbitts Financial. Joel remarked that those trees, as well as trees in front of neighboring buildings 243 and 245 Hubbard Street, were taken down at the request of the building owners.

- ii. Paula shared a map that was created after a drive she took with board members Rosie and Judi that highlighted where they believed more trees needed to be planted in various locations throughout the City limits.
- iii. Paula, Rosie, and Judi expressed interest in wanting to be made more aware of decisions regarding tree removal.
- iv. Joel reminded the group that the Downtown trees will largely all be replaced as part of the Downtown Streetscape project.

## **8. Other Discussion Item**

- a. Update from the Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve
  - i. Peter Ter Louw, President and Executive Director of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy joined the meeting to share updates and answer questions about the 140-acre Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve that will be located along the Kalamazoo River at the end of Thomas Street.
- b. Update on the Downtown Allegan Streetscape Project
  - i. Joel gave an update on the Streetscape Project, including that the City was 90% of the way through a plan for funding the project.

## **9. Comments from City Staff & Board Members**

- a. Board Member Comments

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Parker Johnson  
Promotions Coordinator

Here are my suggestions for the downtown plantings and planters for Summer 2021

- Fill in the already mulched bump-outs with perennials, grasses, bulbs, small shrubs, etc. See plantings in Fennville or Holland for good examples. Bump-outs include:
  - In front of Bubba's
  - Crosswalk by Auto Value lot
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  - Perrigo Outlet island
  - North of On The Grid Restaurant
  - End of State Street at Water Street
  - Intersection of Brady and Hubbard in front of Flat Iron Building
- Clean out and replant the built-in planters at Hubbard Street entrance to city lot behind the Regent Theatre
- Move the planter from Auto Value flower bed away from the building and to the edge of the sidewalk.
- Redistribute concrete planters throughout downtown. Eliminate some that are deteriorated and relocate others to the alley beside the Regent Theatre to further create a pedestrian walkway. I would be happy to walk the downtown and "X" relocations.
- Create an incentive program for downtown businesses to add (appropriately styled and scaled) planters to their storefronts.
- Create plantings around "Welcome to Downtown Allegan" signs with shrubs, grasses, bulbs and perennials.
- The downtown plantings and decor (banners, etc.) and should start at the entrances to the downtown to set the tone and then lead you into the downtown district.
- The large Welcome to Downtown Allegan sign at the corner of Brady and State should be relocated to the corner of Marshall and Second by the bank.

Thank you,  
Korree Johnson