



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

July 14, 2021

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Mark Heather, Vice Chair Michelle Liggett, Carl Canales, Tracy Clawson, Kelly McLean (8:09), Nicole Heslip, Phil Siegler

Absent: Mayor Delora Andrus

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager
Parker Johnson, Downtown and Promotions Manager

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2021 by Clawson, supported by Heslip.
Motion carried 6-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Year to Date Budget Review

- a. Joel Dye and Parker Johnson presented the DDA YTD budget, which included a 2020/2021 review. The new fiscal year began in July 2021.
- b. Heslip inquired about the promotion of the Downtown Allegan Social District with DDA funds on billboards along US-131 and the Lakeshore. The board showed support of the idea.

6. Discussion

- a. Cutler Street Parking Lot Completion

Dye and Johnson provided an update on the recent completion of the Cutler Street parking lot before the upcoming final walkthrough scheduled for July 15. The board was pleased with the look of the final outcome of the project.

The conversation turned to parking throughout the Downtown, specifically along the Riverfront and the safety concerned with increase pedestrian usage and handicap accessibility. It is evident that a conversation on ADA parking, equipment loading zones, and restricted vehicular access to the Riverfront needs to be had in the near future as the frequency of events and general use of that space increases.

b. Downtown Refuse Program Update

Dye and Johnson reported that after multiple DDA discussions, City Council discussions, two Downtown Lowdown discussions, three public meetings, and countless staff deliberation, that it was being recommended that the City move forward with the present point-based system to pay for a shared trash collection system in the downtown.

Liggett asked for consideration to be had for a discounted price for those who choose to pay upfront annually versus on a month to month basis.

The overall consensus was favorable in moving forward in this direction.

7. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

Siegler asked for an update from Joel Dye on the development of a hotel on the vacant property at 101 Brady Street. Joel provided insight on the current status of the project.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58am.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Parker Johnson
Downtown & Promotions Manager**