



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

August 11, 2021

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:03am.

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Mark Heather, Vice Chair Michelle Liggett, Mayor Delora Andrus, Carl Canales, Nicole Heslip, Phil Siegler

Absent: Kelly McLean

Others Present: Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager and Assistant to the City Manager
Tim Perrigo, Director of the Chamber of Commerce

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from July 14, 2021 by Siegler, supported by Liggett. Mayor Andrus abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Year to Date Budget Review

- a. Parker Johnson presented the DDA YTD budget. Little change since the new Fiscal Year began July 1.

6. Discussion

- a. Second Street Bridge Project Update

Johnson provided an update on the Second Street Bridge Project in which recent bids came in 26% over the estimated cost. Because of this unexpected projection, City staff has elected to rebid the project in November, and plan for a spring construction.

Questions on the structural integrity of the bridge lasting until a spring construction were quelled by reassurance that the bridge has years of strength left and is being monitored better now than it has been in years.

b. M40/M89/Hubbard Project Update

Johnson provided a brief update on the MDOT realignment project of the M89/M40/Hubbard Street intersection and the current reconsideration of the functionality of the left turn West on Ely Street.

The whole of the group agreed that a traffic circle, commonly referred to as a roundabout, would seem like the logical answer and recommended that City staff explore that option with MDOT and Abonmarche engineers.

7. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

Johnson wanted to get the board thinking about wayfinding signage in Downtown Allegan as the streetscape project looms. Specifically directional, parking, attraction, and business signage.

The conversation quickly turned to the Historic District Commission and the perceived shortcomings of the designated Historic Districts in the City of Allegan, specifically the regulation of privately owned and affixed signs in the downtown. Board members Heather and Liggett shared stronger opinions on the HDC and its purpose, to which Mayor Andrus addressed the current conversation happening at the City Council level.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43am.

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