



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall  
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**2. Attendance**

Present: Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Teresa Galloway, Katie James, Korree Johnson, Peter Savage

Absent: Chair Judi McCall, Mark Heather, Rosie Hunter, 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 July 14, 2021 made by Peter, supported by Korree.  
Motion carried 4-0. Katie abstained.

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Parks & Recreation**

a. Other Comments

- i. Korree followed up an email originally sent to Joel and Parker regarding the Water Street gazebo and how to transform an overlooked area into an active spot for a social district hangout or while waiting for a table at nearby Schaendorf Brewing Company. His suggestions included adding porch swings and Edison string lights to the gazebo. The idea was supported by the entirety of the board present.
- ii. Joel Dye elaborated that the future of the Water Street boardwalk will be evaluated by City staff after a structural assessment is completed by Abonmarche in the coming months.

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## **6. Oakwood Cemetery**

### **a. Other Comments**

- i. Peter provided an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery.
- ii. Peter and Doug Kadzban also provided an update on the masonry work being sought for the crumbling pillars at the East entrance of the cemetery.
- iii. Joel Dye added that conversations with local veterans and the VFW were continuing in regard to the conceptual Veterans Memorial relocation to Oakwood Cemetery.

## **7. Trees**

### **a. Other Comments**

- i. Joel Dye and Parker Johnson, with Doug Kadzban, acknowledged some dead or dying trees in Downtown Allegan that will be removed in the coming weeks.
- ii. At Paula's ask, Joel Dye addressed the state of the trees located within the Cutler Street parking lot – the trees are distressed after a rough relocation into the ground, and their life will be assessed after the winter season.

## **8. Other Discussion Item**

### **a. Second Street Bridge Project Update**

- i. 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.
- ii. 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. Hubbard/M40/M89 Realignment Project Update**

- i. Dye 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.
- ii. Prompted by the conversation with the DDA, Johnson offered the idea of a traffic circle, commonly referred to as a roundabout as a potential answer to traffic concerns. The majority of the board spoke up in favor of such an idea, and like the DDA, encouraged City staff to explore that potential with MDOT and Abonmarche engineers.

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

### **a. City Staff Comments**

- i. Peter announced that there will be a preview of the Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve on October 16 – this event is open to the public.
- ii. Paula wanted to commend the work being done in regard to mowing the Allegan Sports Complex.
- iii. Doug Kadzban informed the group that no bids were returned for the mowing of Oakwood Cemetery and that the project would be rebid.
- iv. The Public Spaces Committee will be resuming the annual parks tour in September.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Parker Johnson**

**Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager**