



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

October 11, 2023

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:01am.

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Mark Heather, Vice Chair Michelle Liggett, Mayor Teresa Galloway, Carl Canales, Carleigh Ackerman, Nicole Heslip, Kelly McLean, Phil Siegler, Steve Tibbitts

Absent:

Others Present: Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager and Assistant to the City Manager  
Joel Dye, City Manager

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2023 by Tibbitts, supported by McLean. Motion carried 9-0.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Discussion Items

a. Downtown Improvement Project Update

Johnson gave an update regarding the Downtown Improvement Project. The update included the weekly updates from the contractor. General discussion was had.

b. November 25 Ribbon Cutting Event

Johnson shared plans for a ribbon cutting event of the Downtown Allegan Improvement Project set for Saturday, November 25 to coincide with Small Business Saturday. Tibbitts shared his initiative to create an appreciation program to acknowledge Milbocker & Sons employees for their exemplary work.

c. Downtown Parking Lots

Heather and Liggett presented the work they accepted in September to identify city-owned parking lots in within the DDA boundary. The board accepted the direction.

d. Mahan Park Improvement Grant

Dye shared that the City of Allegan was awarded \$160K in grant funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) towards the improvement of Mahan Park. This is an effort that began when the Public Spaces Commission was approached by members of the public earlier this year about fundraising to improve the gazebo structure.

6. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47am.

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