



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

April 10, 2024

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

2. Attendance

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

Absent:

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

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2024 by Siegler, supported by Tibbitts.  
Motion carried 8-0. Heather abstained.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Discussion Items

a. Sidewalks – Proposed Rules and Regulations (Second Draft Review)

Johnson walked the group through the second draft review of proposed rules and regulations for a sidewalk ordinance to regulate sidewalk furniture, signs, etc in the downtown.

b. Mahan Park Improvement Project

Dye shared news of successfully obtaining a \$100K Consumers Energy Foundation Grant towards the \$400K Mahan Park Improvement Project. This is in addition to \$160K awarded by the MEDC and a crowdsourcing fundraiser through Patronicity that the MEDC will match up to \$50K raised.

c. Hubbard Street Parking Lot Improvement Project

Johnson reviewed the concept plan for and status of the Hubbard Street parking lot project.

6. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

Johnson shared the two applications received for the Summer 2024 Match on Main funding consideration – one from Hidden Alley Gaming and one from Tilt – to be submitted to the MEDC by city staff before the April 17 deadline. Motion to accept the recommendation by Heslip, supported by Bird. Motion carried 9-0.

Concerns were shared regarding the shared dumpster program, specifically regarding location 6 behind The Regent Theatre in the Hubbard Street parking lot. The board would like to consider closing the rear entry point and improve signage to stop the dumping of trash in recycling dumpsters that are resulting in fines for the City of Allegan. Recycling is important to the business owners, and they do not want to see that option taken away. Johnson shared that the enclosure improvements in this area that are planned to happen with the parking lot improvement should also help with current issues.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11am.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Parker Johnson  
Downtown & Community Services Manager**