

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
LOWER BOARDMAN RIVER LEADERSHIP TEAM
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
400 Boardman Avenue, Lower Level Cafeteria
Traverse City, MI 49684
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Jean Derenzy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Harry Burkholder, Elise Crafts, Christine Crissman, Frank Dituri, Tim Ervin, Jennifer Jay, Deni Scudato, Russ Soyring, Mike Vickery

Absent: Michele Howard, Barbara Nelson Jameson, Rick Korndorfer

DDA Staff: Jean Derenzy, Colleen Paveglio

2. Introductions: The Leadership Team made introductions and detailed interests in the Boardman River and planning efforts

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: This item has been postponed to the next meeting.

4. Overview of Unified Plan (*Derenzy*)

- a. The following plans will be reviewed by the Leadership Team
 - i. 200 Block Alley
 - ii. Your Bay Your Say
 - iii. Boardman River Water Trail Development Plan
 - a. Adopted by City Commission, DDA, City Parks & Recreation Commission, City Planning, and County Parks
 - iv. University of Michigan Boardman River Plan
 - a. Adopted by the DDA and City Planning Commission
 - v. Boardman River Prosperity Plan
- b. Ervin Facilitated
 - i. Unified Plan Discussion
 - a. Unified Action Plan (planning fatigue)
 - b. Cynicism about the process
 1. Really do want input
 - c. How do we start?
 - d. Guiding principals-gather input
 - e. Objective is to preserve and protect
 - f. Water Trail Guiding Principals
 1. Developed by team and public
 - g. What can be actually be done along the River?

- 1. Needs assessment
 - h. What experiences have the residents had/have living on the River (in town)?
 - i. Objective is to preserve and protect
 - j. Water Trail Guiding Principals
 - k. Fish Passage Project (infrastructure future needs)
 - 1. Great Lakes Commission to present
 - l. Team to do a kayak tour
 - 1. Dituri/Soyring to look into providing history and information
 - 2. Welcoming the public/RSVP
 - m. Current/future use of the River-programming
 - 1. Disability Network-universal access
 - n. Inclusion of the Grand Traverse Band
 - 1. boardman.org under media
 - o. Public fundraising
 - 1. Huron River Watershed Council Economic Impact and recreational and environmental
 - p. Educational opportunities - Guiding principals
 - q. Legal designation of River as a Soul “eyes of the river”
 - r. Objective is to preserve and protect
 - s. Watershed to offer stormwater walk
- c. Current Efforts
- i. Bridge Repair
 - ii. Water Trail Grant
 - iii. Uptown River Walk
 - iv. Private Development: Innovo
5. Process - How to engage stakeholder, community outreach, public communication
- a. Doing Public Engagement Right
 - i. How do people value the River?
 - ii. What questions does the public want answered?
 - b. Who?
 - i. Neighborhood Associations
 - ii. In home meetings
 - iii. Communication with all residents and property owners along the River
 - iv. Media/Social Media
 - v. Mail
 - vi. Community partners/advocates
 - vii. Youth participation
 - c. Team to ask questions to public and bring information to the next meeting
6. Review of RFP for Design Consultant

- a. Consultant to guide the process for Master Plan
 - i. Team to provide and work with consultant on Guiding Principals
 - b. Draft RFP will be sent to the Team
7. Identification of Regular Meetings
- a. Timeline of project can go past December
 - i. Identify how to approach the the different sections of River
 - b. Meet every other week
 - i. Wednesdays
 - 1. 8/30 Next Meeting: 3:30 pm
 - 2. Doodle poll to be sent to Leadership Team on future meeting dates
 - ii. Rotating locations
 - c. Next Meeting Items
 - i. Video
 - ii. Ask Questions (Paveglio to develop Google Form and will send to Team)
 - 1. Access
 - 2. Use
 - 3. Protection
 - iii. Soyring to provide information at the next meeting
 - iv. Review of the Plans
 - v. Draft RFP provided to Team
 - vi. Stewardship project for the next meeting (Crafts)
8. Public Comment
- a. Norman Fred, 10422 Peninsula Drive, commented on clean up of the River, trash cans, toilets
 - b. John Nelson, 4022 Incochee Court, commented on hardening the shoreline and preservation of vegetation of the shoreline
 - c. Katie Bertodatto, 603 W. Seventh Street, commented on the River
 - i. Suggested ideas: How do interact with the River? How would you like interact with the River? Host an event
 - d. Sue Torgerson, 967 Lake Ridge Drive commented on public engagement and observation
 - e. Ellen Corcoran, 150 Pine Street, commented on the removal of trees near Riverview Terrace and taping the meetings
9. Adjournment. The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Paveglio

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