

**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](http://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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