

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
LOWER BOARDMAN RIVER LEADERSHIP TEAM
Thursday, August 30, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
400 Boardman Avenue, 2nd Floor Training Room
Traverse City, MI 49684
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Jean Derenzy called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Present: Harry Burkholder, Elise Crafts, Christine Crissman, Frank Dituri, Tim Ervin, Rick Korndorfer, Deni Scrudato, Russ Soyring, Mike Vickery

Absent: Jennifer Jay, Michele Howard

DDA Staff: Jean Derenzy, Colleen Paveglio

1. Introductions: Rick Korndorfer made an introduction
2. Election of Co-Chairs:
 - a. Scrudato nominated Harry Burkholder, seconded by Derenzy. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Dituri nominated Jennifer Jay, seconded by Burkholder. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Overview of Meeting Minutes from the August 14, 2018. Motion to approve by Soyring, seconded by Dituri. Motion carried unanimously,.
4. Principles/Values Facilitation with Team (Ervin to Lead)
 - a. Review of Guiding Principles/Values
 - i. Preservation of river
 - ii. River protection
 - iii. Reduce/eliminate hard surface edges around river
 - iv. Universal access
 - v. Significance of trails
 - b. Additional Discussion
 - i. Celebration of the river
 - ii. River “first” in project/river development
 - iii. Any plan in or near river needs to address effect of use of river (upstream & downstream)
 - iv. Sustainability focus: Friends of the Boardman (currently used with Rotary)
 - v. Restore
 - vi. Educate general public on river in ways that affect behavior
 - vii. Educate regarding culture and history
 - viii. Respect for the river
 - ix. Turning to the river

- x. Process to address all users and uses
- c. Public Feedback
 - i. Natural River: Tree canopy, banks for habitat, sustain open space, root systems, study and understand natural river
 - ii. Presence of homeless along River (place)
 - iii. Concern over development in-flood areas
 - iv. Educate- behavior of kayakers, etc. on river
 - v. Retain natural vegetation, do not increase hardening of the shoreline, natural flow not impeded by development
 - vi. More park space along river
 - vii. Conversion of hard surface into open space
 - viii. Understanding/improve pedestrian/non-motorized & motorized use/circulation
 - ix. Respect organic relationships/intersections of river-upstream, downstream, in stream
 - x. Invasive (sustainability) species
 - xi. Revegetate native species
 - xii. Acknowledge historic significance - Hannah Park
5. Request for Qualifications Draft for Comments/Input
- a. Leadership Team Feedback
 - i. What is the Civic Engagement planned by the consultant
 - 1. Priority is listening
 - ii. Plans for messaging
 - iii. Develop more focus than just access
 - 1. Utilize the U of M study as a guide
 - 2. Include zoning
 - iv. Vision, collective understanding of the vision, and then address the components of design
 - v. Frameworks to be provided by consultant: Phase 1 - a, b, & c
 - vi. Need an inventory assessment, constraints mapping
 - vii. “Fact Book” to engage the public
 - viii. Provide easement and public property map along the River
 - 1. Dituri and Soyering to address
 - ix. Burkholder, Elise to work with Ervin on RFQ
 - b. Public Feedback on RFQ
 - i. U of M Study
 - ii. A delicate balance between build and preservation/restoration
 - iii. Artery going through town and feeding other parts
 - 1. Commercial, residential, natural - Jenson
 - 2. Map for work flow analysis - NMC drone program
6. 2018 Meeting Schedule
- a. Wednesdays, every other week at 5:30 pm

- b. Meeting room TBD - Cafeteria
 - c. The Watershed Center will have a substitute for upcoming meetings
7. Update on Application to Great Lakes Fishery Trust (submitted 08/23/18)
- a. November 13, 2018 should receive notification
 - b. Grant application to be provided by Derenzy to the Team
 - i. Request of \$42,500
8. Public Comment
- a. Norman Fred, 10422 Peninsula Drive, asked on amount requested for grant
 - b. John Nelson, 4022 Incochee Court, commented kayak tour and stormwater tour
9. Board Comments
- a. Cleary: Boardman River Clean Sweep (9/15 at 9 am), Harm Reduction Coalition - picking up used needles - providing educational materials (10/6), FLOW (9/1, 9/8, 9/15), Parks and Recreation at Hickory Hills and potentially Hull Park
 - b. Dituri: Fish ladder at the Union Street Dam was closed on Monday
 - i. Have a Fish Passage presentation at a future meeting
 - ii. Doodle poll for kayak tour
 - c. Crissman: Stormwater tour, doodle sent to Team
10. Adjournment. The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Paveglio

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