

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
LOWER BOARDMAN RIVER LEADERSHIP TEAM**  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 5:30 p.m.  
400 Boardman Avenue, Lower Level Cafeteria  
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Co-Chair Jay called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Christine Crissman, Jean Derenzy, Frank Dituri, Brett Fessell, Jennifer Jay, Rick Korndorfer, Deni Scrudato (via phone), Russ Soyryng, Mike Vickery, Tim Werner, Cindy Winslow

**Absent:** Elise Crafts, Tim Ervin, Pete Kirkwood

**DDA Staff:** Harry Burkholder, Colleen Paveglio

1. Meeting Minutes: **The meeting minutes from December 18, 2019 were approved as presented upon motion by Derenzy, seconded by Korndorfer. Motion carried unanimously**
2. 2020 Meeting Schedule
3. Opening Public Comment
  - a. None at this time
4. Brief Update on Public FishPass
  - a. Dituri gave a brief update on FishPass
5. Preliminary Action Plan
  - a. No discussion at this time
6. Review of Best Practices and Discussion of River Reaches
  - a. Review of Best Practice
    - i. Habitat & Restoration Best Practices
      - a. Shoreline Restoration,
      - b. Create Riverine Wetlands/Floodplain Connection
      - c. In-Stream Habitat Structures
      - d. Vertical wall enhancements
      - e. Native plant species in riparian corridor
      - f. Control Access

- ii. Connectivity and Open Space Best Practices
  - a. Development (setbacks)
  - b. Green infrastructure sites
  - c. Indirect discharges
  - d. Stormwater treatment systems
  - e. Park Systems
  - f. Connections: Controlled Recreation access Points, Fishing Access Points, Universal Access Points, Connection Points
  - g. Connectivity & Habitat
- b. Review of Reach
  - i. Habitat and restoration conditions
  - ii. Connectivity and open space conditions
  - iii. Goal Meeting for each reach
  - iv. What don't we know
  - v. Current Conditions Reach by Reach
- c. Reach Six
  - i. Habitat, connectivity, and current conditions review
  - ii. Goals: Enhanced wetland, embrace existing buildings (i.e. Fishtown), opportunity for public property (i.e. at the end of Boardman Avenue and Wellington Street), native species, native coastal environment, future development to scale, better use of triangle park (future MDOT project in the area), how to address high water in the Unified Plan, environmental impact (i.e. impervious pavement, tree box filters, stormwater), addressing boardwalk/boat dock
  - iii. Attendee Comments on Reach Six: Comments regarding the wall and extension of bridge area, MDOT questions regarding bridge
- d. Reach Five
  - i. Habitat, connectivity, and current conditions review
  - ii. Goals: Addressing bridges, Potential for parking areas (Lot A, 200 block behind businesses, Lot B & T), funding infrastructure removal/how to move the sewer, planning for farmers market
  - iii. Attendee Comments on Reach Five: None at this time
- 7. Project Timeline and Next Steps
  - a. February: Reach One through Four at February Meeting
  - b. March: Review Findings and begin Unified Plan development
  - c. April: Public input sessions
  - d. May: Incorporate public input
  - e. June: Approval from public bodies
  - f. Small working groups prior to March meeting
- 8. Public Comment

- a. Charlie Weaver commented on the 100 and 500 year flood levels and when addressing Reaches looking at the big picture
- b. Ann Rogers commented on a request of an environmental impact study for the whole river, the homeless, and the whole needs of the river
- c. Dustin Berry commented on infrastructure and how it will facilitate and incentivize to create connection

9. Adjournment. The meeting officially adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Paveglio

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