

City of Dubuque
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: Resilient Community Advisory Commission

DATE: November 5, 2020

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Virtually – Go to Meeting platform

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Boles, Sara Booth, Candace Eudaley-Loebach, Adam Hoffman, Lalith Jayawickrama, Jake Kohlhaas, Whitney Sanger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Reber, Robin Kennicker

STAFF PRESENT: Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: N/A

Chair Eudaley-Loebach called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. Bell confirmed the meeting was in compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

TEST AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

MINUTES APPROVAL: Commissioner Boles motions to approve the October 1, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Jayawickrama. Motion carries.

SUSTAINABLE DUBUQUE GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE: Bell shared proposed changes to the application and Commission discussed. Bell will update document with discussed changes and present at next month's meeting.

CAP IMPLEMENTATION: Bell had trouble displaying the document but will email Commissioners a version highlighting where RCAC has been named in the implementation guide. At a future meeting, Commissioners will discuss how RCAC will fulfill their part in the CAP.

HOMEWORK: Commissioner Boles worked on LEED for Communities – compared to STAR; invited other commissioners to help. He will continue to track down metrics and determine how they align with City goals. Commissioner Boles shared his idea to partner with local colleges and universities to have students do this annually. Chair Eudaley-Loebach worked with bike friendly businesses to discuss employee subsidies for walk/biking and it was well received. She also met with Jason from the Planning Department to discuss free transit proposal for the Equitable Poverty Prevention Plan.

Commissioner Sanger continues to work on local foods initiatives. COVID-19 has presented many challenges to their focus on young people/schools but they continue through partnerships to promote healthy local foods.

STAFF REPORT: Bell discussed the upcoming switch to NOVUS for City Boards and Commissions. She shared information about two grants – Partners for Places and the Rapid Response grant which formed the Teen Resiliency Corps. Bell also shared she is working on a technical assistance grant with the Economic Development Department related to local foods and local places. Bell updated the Commissioner that Neighborhood Specialist Jerelyn O'Connor has retired so she will be unable to speak to the Commission. Commissioner Hoffman lamented that her knowledge of neighborhood development will be greatly missed and noted that the RCAC has recently discussed the Teen Resiliency Corps, the DART report, and neighborhood resiliency as very important and something the Commission has committed to address. Whomever takes on that roll will need to work closely with the RCAC.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Commissioner Kohlhaas updated about the Community Garden at Valentine Park – the

request went to the Parks and Recreation Commission and their next meeting will draw up specifics. He also noted his promotion to the director of the Loras Honors program and would like to connect the group to students working on the following topics:

- Food Justice and Access
- Energy Consumption
- Food Growing/Produce Growing

NEXT MEETING: The next commission meeting will occur on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The location of the meeting will be at the Jule Operations and Training Center, 949 Kerper Boulevard OR held virtually depending on CDC and State of Iowa guidance.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Minutes approved by: Candace Eudaley-Loebach
Candace Eudaley-Loebach, Commission Chair

Prepared by: Gina Bell
Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator