

CITY OF DUBUQUE - COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: Resilient Community Advisory Commission (RCAC)

DATE: 02/06/2025

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Jule Operations and Training Center (JOTC) Circle Conference Room, 949 Kerper Blvd.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Boles, Lalith Jayawickrama, Robin Kennicker, Nolan Bielinski, Rachel Boeke, and Jake Kohlhaas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave McDermott (excused), Sandra Evans

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Kim

Kohlhaas called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

TEST AGENDA

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Boles motioned to approve the November minutes. Kennicker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

New Business: NA

Old Business:

- I. GHG inventory – prioritization of an update
 - a. Start by reading the letter that Boles drafted to suggest a prioritization of an update
 - b. The report that the city has is compliant with protocol, but the document itself does not have the raw data publicly available
 - c. Some of the reports have varying numbers, and Boles could not find the raw data to determine what when wrong/what is wrong?
 - d. There is a typo, the emissions from gasoline vehicles should say “increasing emissions” not “decreasing emissions”
 - e. Boles would like to see more of this data as publicly available
 - f. At the very least, all the reports should be retitled as “Public summary” not “report”
 - g. We should make a motion to decide what to do, but maybe we should wait for input from Gina
 - h. Boles would make the motion to submit the letter as written, but is open to feedback from the commission
 - i. ^{Kohlhaas?} Boles asks what kind of outcome that Dean expects from this?
 - j. Questions from Kohlhaas: “Should we do this as a commission and make a subcommittee to do this?” and “What’s the value of recommending this to be done?”

- k. Motion to submit a revised version of the letter that Boles wrote to council pending a conversation between Jake and Gina to soften the letter to emphasize the need for the change of language as well as access to the data for transparency.

- i. 6 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain

II. Workplan revisited/themes/focus areas

- a) Commission reviewed the subcommittee descriptions
- b) Do we need to reduce the scope of these committees to be more manageable?
 - a) Subcommittee can discuss the scope and adopt it to make it fit their needs
- c) Jake and Rachel would be interested in joining the GHG committee, but do not feel confident in leading it

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- d) Dean as his going away sharing wanted to share the GHG trends going on in the USA. There is a downward trend of GHG, nationally. It is getting greener and greener to produce electricity, but there is not much of a downward trend for other sectors considered when thinking about GHG emissions. Everyone's GHG emissions are going down because of the greening of the grid. It's important to keep in mind the scale of federal funding that has been put towards the reductions we are seeing
- e) Robin: Parks and Rec commission were discussing the renaming of the parks issue. They decided to send out a survey to gather public opinion on what/if the park should be renamed.
- f) Rachel mentioned last time that they are opening a repair shop, Rachel is looking for volunteers to help with the repairing duties
- g) Nolan: The drift fence at the park that he mentioned last meeting is gone!
- h) Jake: The Dubuque colleges sustainability coalition is putting on a Sustainability festival

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next commission meeting will occur on March 6, 2025, at 5pm at the Jule Operations and Training Center (JOTC) in the Circle Conference Room, 949 Kerper Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes approved by: _____

Jacob Kohhaas, Commission Chair

Prepared by: _____

Michelle Kim, Climate Action Coordinator