

CITY OF DUBUQUE - COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: Resilient Community Advisory Commission (RCAC)

DATE: 08/07/2025

TIME: 5:04 pm

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Kennicker, Jake Kohlhaas, Nolan Bielinski, Dave McDermott, and Sandra Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lalith Jayawickrama and Rachel Schmidt Boeke

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Kim, Gina Bell by phone

Kohlhaas called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

TEST AGENDA

MINUTES APPROVAL:

- Bielinski motions to approve June meeting minutes. Kennicker seconds. Motion to approve carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

New Business:

- Nature Everywhere + Wanderwood Gardens
 - a. Jared McGovern from Nature Everywhere + Wanderwood Gardens spoke about the progress of the park and the programs they plan to offer
 - b. Opening in June 2026
 - c. Fostering creativity, confidence, and play in children through nature
- Beaver Damn Analog presentation
 - a. John Shroder and John Sewell presented about stream/river management with manmade beaver dams and storm water management that works with our natural environment.
- Dubuque Area Land and Water Agency (DALAWL) request for Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - a. Bielinski motions to approve, Evans seconds. Motion to approve carried, Kennicker abstained.
 - i. Bielinski to draft a letter to Council in support of items 6, 7, and 9 on the "Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy – Recommendations for Dubuque City Council Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Envision 2030" list

ii. Commission does not support action items 1, 8, and 11 on the list

Old Business:

N?A

Commissioner Reports: How Did I Show Up?

N?A

Important Dates

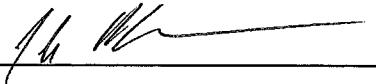
N/A

Staff updates

- 856 SD grant redline
 - Commission to review redline edits to the Sustainable Dubuque Grants document outside of commission meeting time and suggest necessary edits/comments before 9/4/2025.

Next meeting date: The next commission meeting will occur on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 5pm at the Jule Operations and Training Center (JOTC) in the Circle Conference Room, 949 Kerper Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Minutes approved by: 

Jacob Kohlhaas, Commission Chair

Prepared by: 

Michelle Kim, Climate Action Coordinator