

**City of Dubuque**  
**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**GOVERNMENTAL BODY:** Resilient Community Advisory Commission

**DATE:** January 2, 2020

**TIME:** 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** JOTC Circle Conference Room  
Jule Operations and Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque IA 52001

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dean Boles, Sara Booth, Candace Eudaley-Loebach, Adam Hoffman, Jake Kohlhaas, Robin Kennicker.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lalith Jayawickrama, Leah Specht.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator

Bell called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Bell confirmed the meeting was in compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

**TEST AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Motion by Commissioner Boles to approve December 2019 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Booth. Motion carries.

**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE:**

Bell shared the CAP Community Team met in December and narrowed down actions to explore deeper. Commissioners participated in an exercise to weigh in on the top ~five recommendations under several topics (transportation, buildings and energy, food, waste, water and waste water, adaptation, air quality, heat islands, extreme weather, etc.). Following the exercise, the group discussed climate action planning.

Discussion included questions about carbon offsets and if the City can budget for carbon offset purchase. Commissioner Boles asked what we have to do versus what we are doing to be climate stewards/a good city. Commissioner Booth suggested that we should communicate to both the individual (organics will make your lunch healthier) and the group (less pesticides in agriculture are better for everyone). The Commission discussed celebrating our success (Bee Branch Flood Mitigation project) but balancing the message to include future potential threats. Commissioner Kohlhaas shared there are lots of suggestions that are environmentally friendly, but cautioned to also consider the GHG reduction impact.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

Commissioner Boles missed the prior CDAC meeting and had no updates. Commissioner Kennicker shared that Leisure Services will be hosting a Pet-Friendly Community Forum (on January 14, 2020 from 6 pm – 8 pm in City Council Chambers) to gather public input on proposal to allow pets in to majority of city parks.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next commission meeting will occur on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The location of the meeting will be at the Jule Operations and Training Center, 949 Kerper Boulevard.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes approved by:

  
Leah Specht, Commission Chair

Prepared by:

  
Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator