

City of Dubuque
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: Resilient Community Advisory Commission

DATE: October 1, 2020

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Virtually – Go to Meeting platform

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Reber

STAFF PRESENT: Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Abby Willis, Kelley Schissel, Paul Schultz, Rachel Surette, Ken Miller; Jason Duba

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

TEST AGENDA

OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Eudaley-Loebach swore in Commissioner Sanger.
Staff to arrange time to sign documents and return to City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Commissioner Hoffman is listed as both present and absent. He confirmed he was absent. Commissioner Boles motions to approve the September 3, 2020 minutes, with the change. Seconded by Commissioner Jayawickrama. Motion carries.

SUSTAINABLE DUBUQUE GRANTS: Bell shared process of SD grant score and sub-committee shared recommendation. Commissioner Boles motions to approve and forward recommendation to Council. Commissioner Hoffman seconds motion. Motion carries.

SUSTAINABLE DUBUQUE GRANTS SUPPORT: Chair Eudaley-Loebach proposed matching commissioners which projects they are interested in and use it as another way for the RCAC to get to know the community better.

Two volunteers are needed for current round:

- Commissioner Eudaley-Loebach will support Rescue Mission.
- Commissioner Sanger for Dubuque Urban Farm (and Commissioners Boles and Jayawickrama would like to visit.)

HOMEWORK: Chair Eudaley-Loebach reminded Commissioners to review Council Goals and Priorities for 2021 and note where they are interested and what fits with RCAC goals. Review current grantee list and see if you'd like to be a "buddy" to a grantee and learn more about their project and how RCAC can support their work.

Commissioner Boles shared that he began researching the LEED for Cities and how metrics would gel with Council Goals/CAP/RCAC and he will send an email inviting other commissioners to participate in this work.

POVERTY PREVENTION PLAN – COMMUNITY CAUCUS: Planning Services Manager Wally Wernimont introduced the Poverty Prevention Plan and the Caucus for Community and Linda Rhodes, of Public Works, LLC. Showed a short video regarding impacts of poverty as well as a presentation related to best practices and then gathered Commission reactions and input.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Commissioner Boles asked about the Resiliency Corps “trusted adults” request from staff. Bell explained the project and how the volunteer adults would participate. Commissioner Boles also shared that Community Development Advisory Commission allocated \$100K to The Gardens – an affordable housing development on the west end.

NEXT MEETING: The next commission meeting will occur on Thursday, November 5, 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 7:03 pm.

Minutes approved by: 
Candace Eudaley- Loebach, Commission Chair

Prepared by: 
Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator