

MINUTES

CITY OF DUBUQUE SAFE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board Room

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Doug Stillings; Committee Members Amanda Elkins, Jonathan Cheatham, Ann Ernst, Anthony Allen, Diane Callahan, Mary Rae Bragg, Rachel Daack, and Susan Stork.

Committee Members Excused:

Staff Members Present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Crenna Brumwell, and Mark Dalsing

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doug Stillings at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Staff verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Amanda Elkins, seconded by Ann Ernst, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011, as submitted. All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

Verify continuation of current committee members

- No one chose to resign

Determine frequency of 2012 meetings

- Ann Ernst moved and Anthony Allen seconded to meet every other month in odd numbered months, and more frequently if needed. Approved unanimously.

Doug Stillings commented about effusive compliments by the City Council regarding the SCAC, stating that they are very appreciative of the time and effort by committee members.

Determine meeting dates and locations for 2012

- Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every other month in the Board Room at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

Elect chairperson for 2012

- Doug Stillings stated a change of leadership is positive. Amanda Elkins nominated Rachel Daack. Rachel declined the nomination. Rachel nominated Amanda Elkins. Amanda accepted the nomination. Anthony Allen volunteered to be vice-chair. Mary Rae Bragg moved to appoint Amanda Elkins as Chair and Anthony Allen as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Jonathan Cheatham. All in favor. Doug Stillings turned the meeting over to Amanda Elkins.
- Rachel Daack suggested spending five minutes at the end of each meeting to discuss future meetings and agenda items.

Status of Section 8 HUD Audit – David Harris, Housing & Community Development Director

- No update. Place on the March agenda for discussion.

Review point-by-point the recommendations from the SCTF and vote if appropriate action has been taken. – Committee Member Ann Ernst

- #41 – Increase the number of trash receptacles on the street. It was noticed many times last year that trash receptacles were overflowing on Grandview Avenue and on the bike trail. Jerelyn O'Connor reported that funds have been budgeted for additional trash receptacles. The group requests an up-date from Public Works on the status of additional trash receptacles. Mark Dalsing responded to questions about enforcement of the littering ordinance.
- #2 – A request was made to provide the two attachments related to not allowing property owners to receive funding unless properties are in compliance.
- #10 and 43. Jonathan Cheatham questioned the status of these two recommendations and stated that truancy could be tied in with parental responsibilities.
- #36 – Question on welcoming program. Mark Dalsing replied that it is a work in progress.
- #34 – ICC training. An up-date was provided.
- #45 – Correspondence with DCSD to develop meaningful ICC program for students at all levels. Anthony Allen raised some issues and suggested that the committee send a letter to DCSD to further discuss this issue. Rachel Daack volunteered to draft a letter to Superintendent Larie Godinez.
- Anthony Allen asked Mark Dalsing to provide information on the status of noise enforcement.

"I'm a DBQer" Series

- Anthony proposed that they approach various groups for funding, i.e. GDDC, Women's Giving Circle, etc. Mary Rae Bragg thought that the Telegraph Herald should be doing it anyway as a community paper. Crenna Brumwell suggested

contacting Brad Parks at Dubuque365. The Golden View might be another venue. Diane Callahan volunteered to contact Rudy Bellman at the Golden View and the Dubuque Advertiser.

March meeting agenda items

- HUD Audit Status
- Public Works memo regarding additional trash containers
- Substance abuse and noise enforcement stats from Mark Dalsing
- Rachel's letter to DCSD

Joe Noll addressed the commission thanking them for all of their work, and reminded them that there still is a lot of work, particularly with reference to strict enforcement on maintaining property. Ann Ernst suggested, in light of Mr. Noll's comment, to look at recommendation #60 regarding publicizing the number of complaints/violations made against property owners. Crenna Brumwell is researching and monitoring the number of lawsuits.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Mark Dalsing provided an update/handout on crime statistics. Aggravated assault was up in CY11, and three-fourths of those were known victims. Ann Ernst asked for information on crime statistics that involved substance abuse. Mark Dalsing will provide that information at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Anthony Allen and seconded by Rachel Daack. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Larson

Adopted