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Residents Invited to Explore Formation of Resiliency Commission

Public input sought to define purpose and role

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council identified the creation of a Resilient Community Advisory Commission (RCAC) as a top priority during their annual goal-setting sessions last August. City staff are completing a community engagement process this spring to gather public input on the definition of the word “resiliency” and the potential formation of the new commission.

Sustainable Community Coordinator Cori Burbach, Community Engagement Coordinator Nikola Pavelic, and Public Health Specialist Mary Rose Corrigan (who currently staffs the City’s Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission) have been meeting with various community groups in recent months to gather feedback. This feedback led to the creation of an online survey, which is now live to the public. To take the survey, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/sustainability. **The survey will be open until 8 a.m. on Monday, April 11.**

After the survey closes, City staff will host a public input meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at Inspire Café in the Schmid Innovation Center, 955 Washington St., in the Historic Millwork District. The purpose of the public meeting is to receive feedback on the drafted definition, purpose, and role of this potential commission. Documents will be

drafted based on online survey results and previously held dialogues with various community groups.

Based on the information collected during the overall community engagement process, City staff will draft an ordinance and recommended action plan to be delivered to the City Council for consideration in May 2016.

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