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# NEWS RELEASE

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## City Council Appoints First Resilient Community Advisory Commission Members

DUBUQUE, Iowa – At their January 3, 2017 meeting, the Dubuque City Council appointed the City’s first Resilient Community Advisory Commission. The creation of the Commission was identified as a City Council Top Priority in 2015. Through a robust community engagement process, over 200 residents provided input to define resiliency as “the ability of individuals and systems to prevent, prepare for, and recover from adverse vulnerabilities while adapting to long-term changes.”

The purpose of the new RCAC is to advise on city policies and practices to assure resilient outcomes; facilitate the ability to adapt to factors influencing the social/cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community; prevent, prepare for, and recover from adverse vulnerabilities and change through coordination, data analysis, evaluation and citizen engagement.

Residents appointed to the Commission include:

Steven Drahozal (cross-commission representative)  
Robin Kinnicker (cross-commission representative)  
Laura Roussell (cross-commission representative)  
Dean Boles  
Sara Booth  
Benjamin Darr  
Stephanie Grutz  
Carrie Lohrmann  
Leah Specht

The first duty of the new Commission will be to set a regular monthly meeting time. Future meeting agendas, information, and more, can be found at [www.cityofdubuque.org/rcac](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/rcac). For more information, contact City of Dubuque Sustainable Community Coordinator Cori Burbach at 563-690-6038 or [cburbach@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cburbach@cityofdubuque.org).

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