

**CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on April 23, 2018 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Present: Mayor Buol; Council Members Jones, Larson, Resnick, Rios, Shaw; City Manager Van Milligen, City Attorney Brumwell

Absent: Council Member Del Toro.

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting the Sustainable Dubuque Quarterly Work Session.

**WORK SESSION  
Sustainable Dubuque Quarterly Work Session  
Updates from the Resilient Community Advisory Commission**

Assistant City Manager and Sustainability Coordinator Cori Burbach introduced the agenda and emphasized focus on the efforts of the Resilient Community Advisory Commission. Ms. Burbach then presented a video from Alliant Energy receiving the Envision Platinum 2018 Award for their Dubuque solar project, adding that the project will be part of the mobile tours for October's Growing Sustainable Communities Conference.

**Resilient Community Advisory Commission (RCAC)**

- Development and history of the RCAC
- Community engagement process and definition of resiliency
- Blending with and dissolution of the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission
- RCAC Responsibilities
- Commission member makeup and cross representation with other City boards and commissions
- Commission Orientation & Learning
  - Star Community Rating
  - Dubuque County Emergency Preparedness
  - Presentations from Cross-Represented Commissioners
  - 50% by 2030 Community climate & resiliency plan
  - Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan
- Commission Chair Leah Specht provided a biography and relayed her personal connection to the RCAC.
- Alignment of issues with Council goals, RCAC goals

**RCAC Strategic Priorities (Council / Commission rolls)**

- Climate change

- mitigation and adaptation
- Economic resiliency through combatting poverty & increasing social capital
  - Increase methods of sharing
  - Use equity lens
  - Measurement of social capital and identify City's role
- Healthy community
  - Identify policies
  - Support initiatives
  - Partner for health services
  - Transparency Performance Measurement
- Resiliency Commission Development

## **Climate Adaptation**

### **Municipal Climate Adaptation Report for Dubuque**

Considerations, implications and shared understanding of climate change

1. Annual/Seasonal Temperature
2. Annual/Seasonal Rainfall
3. Snowfall

## **Historically**

1. Monthly Climate Norms
2. Rainfall trends, extremes and seasonality
3. Temperature Trends & Implications
4. Precipitation Trends & Implications
5. Anticipating more extremes
6. Seasonal summaries, extreme changes, damaging events & implications

## **Climate scientist's predictions**

### **Next Steps**

- Partnering for impact on most vulnerable populations
- Update 50% by 2030 GHG reduction
- Consider impact on budget
- Integrate with hazard mitigation planning
- Integrate with daily planning efforts

### **Design and Resiliency Team (DART) Report**

- Engaged design and resiliency team fall 2017
  - Equity roll in climate change

### **DART Team observations & recommendations**

- Related to emergency preparedness & city planning
- Related to neighborhood & social resiliency

- Related to healthy & resilient community
- Placemaking

### **RCAC Strategic goals mind map and connecting two reports**

Prioritizing projects, implementation, funding.

### **Sustainable Dubuque Community Grants**

Aligning City investment with the City Council and RCAC priorities.

### **Case Studies**

Partner Hobie Wood provided a description funded projects and events he has been involved with, the Dubuque Trees Forever program and the recent Tree City USA designation.

Commissioner Robin Kinnecker addressed the Council on her viewpoint of the Commission's work as it relates to local, state and regional efforts while maintaining equity for residents.

City Council had discussion with the presenters who responded to questions related to RCAC priorities, interpretation of data and statistics, introducing climate change information to the public, Council policy decisions, local vs. regional air quality, and Council input in conjunction with annual goal setting sessions.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC  
City Clerk