

IOWA CITY DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: August 27, 2014

Voting Members Present:, Kevin Digmann, George Etre, Ritu Jain, Patty McCarthy, Joni Schrup, Kent Jehle, David Kieft, Karen Kubby, Naftaly Stramer, Mark Weaver

Non-Voting Members Present: Evan McCarthy, Jeff Davidson, Steve Boyd, Kate Moreland

Non-Voting Members Absent: Josh Schamberger

Staff Present: Nancy Bird

Voting Members Absent With Notice: Catherine Champion, Mark Ginsberg, Bill Nusser, Steve Pajunen

Voting Members Absent Without Notice:

1. **Call to Order**

President George Etre called the meeting to order at a special location, the newly renovated MidWestOne Bank Board Room.

A quorum of 10 of 14 voting members was present.

2. **Member Open Forum**

Kent Jehle offered a tour of the facility following the meeting.

3. **Approval of May 28, 2014, Meeting Minutes**

Jeff Davidson motioned to approve once his name was added to attendee list. Ritu Jain seconded. *The motion passed 10-0.*

4. **Guest Speaker or Special Topic Summary**

Iowa City Police Chief Hargadine and Lt. Troy Kelsay laid out their position for asking the board to reconsider the need for subpoena in order to view the feed from the ICDD security cameras located in six locations downtown. David Kieft moved to amend the policy to allow the ICPD to review the camera feed without a subpoena. The motion was seconded by Kevin Digmann. After some discussion, David amended his motion to put this item on the agenda for the September meeting. *The motion passed 9-1.*

Action Items: Staff to revise the policy for vote at next board meeting.

5. **Finance Report**

Financials reported on by Kent Jehle for both June and July. Kent moved to approve the financial reports and was seconded by Mark Weaver. *The motion passed 10-0.*

6. **Executive Committee Report**

Topic 1: Local Areas Sales Tax. There was discussion by board members as to whether the ICDD should or will take a position. Consensus is that the ICDD will not take any action towards informing the public or taking a position at this time.

Action Items: None

7. **Executive Director's Report**

Nancy Bird reviewed her report that was contained in the board packet with the group.

8. **Committee Updates**

Special Events: None – Taste of Iowa City was occurring that day to spotlight ICDD restaurants and venues. Betsy Potter not in attendance but on site managing the event.

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Marketing: None

Projects: None

Legislative: Karen Kubby reported that in October the legislative committee will be inviting the Shelter House to discuss the merits of a wet shelter for those in need and how the ICDD could support the effort.

Oct 8 was announced as the date for the next Restaurant and Bar forum (for liquor license holders)

Oct 16 was announced as the SoTA + ICDD regional event feedback workshop.

Karen also reported on the status of reauthorization and said that her sub-committee will have a proposal in front of the Board in November.

Membership: None

9. Ex-Officio Updates

University of Iowa: David Kieft reported they are putting the “skin” on the new Children’s Hospital and there will be an announcement about the Museum of Art later this Fall.

City of IC: Jeff Davidson reported there will be a Public Forum in October regarding the updated plans for the Dubuque and Washington Streetscape.

September: Comprehensive Plan Amendment regarding the Chauncey and a possible new building for New Pi behind the Rec Center over the current parking lot.

Iowa City Coralville Convention & Visitors Bureau: none

Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce: Steve Boyd encouraged the board to encourage others to fill vacant seats for several local commissions.

Iowa City Area Development Group: Kate Moreland reported the ICAD Annual Meeting will be held at Wildwood with a BBQ on September 11.

UI Student Government Liaison: Evan McCarthy reported the students were excited about Taste of Iowa City.

10. Board Member Announcements / Reminders - Adjourn

Ritu Jain moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Naftaly Stramer seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Joni Schrup, Secretary