

# IOWA CITY DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2015

Voting Members Present: Ritu Jain, Mark Ginsberg, Joni Schrup, George Etre, Bill Nusser, David Kieft, Karen Kubby, Patty McCarthy, Kent Jehle, Mark Weaver, Sheila Davisson

Non-Voting Members Present: Steve Boyd, Kate Moreland, Nicole Neal, Josh Schamberger, Nicole Neal

Staff present: Nancy Bird, Betsy Potter, Nate Kaeding

Voting Members Absent with Notice: Catherine Champion, Kevin Digmann, Naftaly Stramer

### 1. **Call to Order**

President Ritu Jain called the meeting to order at 3:05 at the Iowa City Public Library  
*A quorum of 11 of 14 members was present.*

### 2. **Member Open Forum**

Ritu Jain welcomed new board member Sheila Davisson to the group. Introductions were made. Karen Kubby reported that she attended a Johnson County Supervisors meeting where an increase in the minimum wage for Johnson County was discussed. This increase would be implemented over the next 2 years. Karen encouraged all employers in the group to look at their numbers and think about opting in.

### 3. **Approval of June 2015 Minutes**

Patti McCarthy moved to approve the minutes for June. Mark Weaver seconded the motion.  
*The motion passed 14-0.*

### 4. **Washington Streetscape Construction Phasing**

A discussion led by Mike Hahn covered the different possible options for the Washington Streetscape timeline and phasing of work as it pertains to the different sections of the street. The work could begin as early as March of 2016 and take 6-8 months to be completed.

### 5. **Finance Report**

Kent Jehle presented the Finance report for June 2015. Kent moved to approve the financial report. Mark Ginsberg seconded the motion. *The motion passed 14-0.*

### 6. **Executive Committee Report**

Nancy explained the Amplified Music Ordinance and the changes being sought to have music on patios. There was much discussion with opinions on both sides of the issue. The Board will pick up the discussion at a later date if needed.

### 7. **Executive Director Report**

Nancy went over her report that was included in the board packet. Nate Kaeding updated the Board on the search for ICDD office space.

**8. Ex-Officio Updates**

Nicole Neal updated the Board on the progress of the U-Bill project and will have more information later in August.

Steve Boyd reported that the Chamber is in the process of making some changes with a focus on target research in task forces.

Kate Moreland reminded everyone that the ICAD Annual meeting will be held at the Iowa City Airport on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Josh Schamberger reported on RAGBRAI coming to Eastern Iowa and the great collaboration between cities, the county and many individuals and businesses. It should be a success if the weather cooperates. Josh also explained the changes being made to the I-Club "Breakfast" going forward in hopes to re-energize that event.

Wendy Ford reported that the City staff with the ICDD will work on City Council support for alley improvements. She spoke about the Design Review guidelines and the contract with Kiku Obata. Wendy gave an overview of several current and new projects in development in the district.

David Kieft updated the Board on several projects in which the University is currently involved.

**9. Announcements / Adjournment**

Nancy reminded the group of the Washington Streetscape Open House on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The next Board meeting is August 26<sup>th</sup>.

David Kieft moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Ginsberg seconded the motion. *Motion passed 14-0.*