

IOWA CITY DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2015

Voting members Present: George Etre, Ritu Jain, Joni Schrup, Bill Nusser, Catherine Champion, Kevin Digmann, Mark Ginsberg, David Kieft, Karen Kubby, Patty McCarthy, Naftaly Stramer

Non-Voting members Present: Steve Boyd, Wendy Ford, Nicole Neal

Staff present: Nancy Bird, Betsy Potter, Nate Kaeding

Voting Members Absent with Notice: Kent Jehle, Mark Weaver, Steve Pajunen

Non-Voting members Absent with Notice: Josh Schamberger, Kate Moreland

1. Call to Order

President George Etre called the meeting to order at 3:00 at the ICPL.

A quorum of 11 of 14 voting members was present.

2. Member Open Forum

Nancy Bird recapped the previous evening's SSMID Renewal Kickoff Party and Annual ICDD Member Meeting. The event was well-attended and several signatures were acquired. Board members commented that the Film Scene location worked well for the event.

George Etre expressed concern about panhandlers in the Ped Mall area again this summer, some of whom are harassing outdoor dining customers and approaching his employees later in the evening. There was discussion regarding what can be done to ensure the safety of all who enjoy and use the Ped Mall. Nancy will discuss the situation with Officer Dave Schwindt and the City to refocus awareness of these issues.

3. Approval of April and May 2015 Minutes

Karen Kubby moved to approve the minutes for both April and May. Ritu Jain seconded the motion. *The motion passed 11-0.*

4. Finance Report

David Kieft presented the Finance reports for both April and May 2015. David moved to approve the financial reports. Ritu Jain seconded. *The motion passed 14-0.*

5. 2016 Budget Proposal

Nancy reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016. David Kieft moved to approve the budget for FY 2016. Karen Kubby seconded the motion. *The motion passed 11-0.*

6. FY 2016 Slate of Officers

George presented the 2016 Slate of Officers: President-Ritu Jain, President -Elect-Mark Ginsberg, Treasurer-Kent Jehle, Secretary-Joni Schrup, Past-President- George Etre. Karen Kubby moved to approve the slate of officers as presented. Bill Nusser seconded the motion. *Motion passed 14-0.*

Betsy Potter presented Bill Nusser and George Etre with gifts to thank them for their excellent work as Past-President and President respectively of the Executive Committee.

7. New Board Member

Nancy explained that Steve Pajunen has resigned from the Board. She put forth Sheila Davisson as a replacement in that position. Patty McCarthy moved to nominate Sheila Davisson for the open Board position. Catherine Champion seconded the motion. *Motion passed 14-0.*

8. Reauthorization Petition Drive Update

Karen Kubby reported that committee hoped to have the required signatures within 6 weeks. She discussed the best procedure to obtain the signatures. Karen encouraged all Board members to use our contacts with building and property owners to ensure a successful Petition Drive.

9. Executive Directors Report

Nancy reported the three big pushes from the ICDD that was announced at the annual meeting were 1. Reauthorization, 2. Supporting businesses through marketing and outreach during the Washington Streetscape projects and 3. Bidding out solid waste and recycling for the entire ICDD geography.

10. Ex-Officio Updates

Nicole Neal asked if there would be interest from the downtown retailers and restaurant owners in having UI students use their Iowa One cards at downtown businesses. Nicole reported that there is continued activity on campus during the summer with orientations, camps and many on-going events.

David Kieft reported that the building continues at various sites throughout campus and the rendering of the new Art Museum is exceptional.

Wendy Ford commented on City plans near the rec center and gave updates on several projects.

Bill Nusser informed the group that there will be a public unveiling of the new Public Art Project in September. The art piece is to be installed in the Ped Mall.

11. Announcements/Adjournment

The next meeting will be July 22nd at the ICPL.

Ritu Jain moved to adjourn the meeting. Patty McCarthy seconded the motion.

Motion passed 14-0.