

**Iowa City Downtown District**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
**Meeting Minutes from May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Voting Members Present:** Charlie Nusser, Susan Felker, Tony Branch, Jason Paulios, Diego Lasansky, Wendy Zimmerman, Maka Pilcher Hayek, Bethany Young, Nina Lohman, Josh Immerfall, Greg Foster, Nick Lindsley, Jeet Saini, DingYu Ding

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Abby Restko, Rachel Kilburg, Monica Nieves , Austin Korn, Chastity Dillard

**Staff Present:** Christopher Hunter, Joe Reilly, Julie Watkins, Nancy Bird, Betsy Potter

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Charlie Nusser at 9:02 am.

Announcement of Nancy's departure from the Downtown District organization. Thanks to Nancy for her leadership over the past 10 years.

**Approval of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes (pgs. 2-3) (vote)**

- On a motion by Maka Pilcher-Hayek, seconded by Nick Lindsley the April minutes were unanimously approved.

**Approval of April 2023 Financials (pgs. 4-9)**

- Greg Turner reviewed financial included in the board packet. Points of interest discussed from the financial included the Iowa Ave re-pavement is now on the book as assets will be paid out as project happens, SSMID payment has been received, budget of actuals coming in as planned and financials are right at budget.
- On a motion by Wendy Zimmerman, seconded by Susan Felker the April financials were unanimously approved.

**Upcoming Year/ Draft FY 24 Budget Review**

- Nancy Bird presented draft budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Nancy acknowledged that because of impending transition still some things to draft budget that aren't finalized as yet. Good budget framework for events. FY 24 budget reflect increase in levy for SSMID, this 17% increase to accommodate increase in operational expenses. University of Iowa contribution continuing at \$200,000, in addition a growing partnership with U of I on harm reduction aimed to help provide support and safety in downtown has \$30,000 allocated to that endeavor. Event and campaigns push out on the expenses as personnel expense will decrease. Contingency plan has been added as an item line. Inflation has been accommodated for and included in budget.

**Staffing Discussion (Closed Session)**

- Board of Directors entered closed session to discuss staffing. Closed Session ended 10am

**Adjourn:**

On motion by Maka Pilcher-Hayek, seconded by Wendy Zimmerman, the meeting of the Board was adjourned at 10:11 am.