

MINUTES

Community Improvement Action Team
Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – Noon
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: John Beckey, Rich Dwyer, Andrew Fangman, Dave Gobin, Mayor Hopkins, Greg Jenkins, Sarah Lande, Tim Reed and Tom Spread

Members Absent: Melanie Alexander, Gary Carlson, Rochelle Conway, Rich Klimes, Laura Liegois, Ann Meeker,

Guests Present: Pam Collins, Nick Cusick, Erin Dindinger, Jodi Hansen, John Sayles and Adam Thompson

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Rich Dwyer.

Motion to approve the AMENDED minutes of the December 2014, regular meeting. Moved by Sayles, Second by Gobin. All ayes; motion carries.

Comments from Citizens

None heard.

Comments from Mayor

Mayor Hopkins reported Muscatine was not selected as the final stop for RAGBRAI 2015.

Blue Zones Update

Jodi Hansen reported several new restaurants have recently become designated sites. Plans are underway for the Walking School Bus Program.

Project Updates

The Riverfront Project RFQ for the consultants will be sent out this week by Andrew Fangman. Dave Gobin added the Front Door/Back Door Project will be done first to insure the riverfront and the corridor designs match.

Dog Park Update

Erin Dindinger reported fund raising will kick off in February.

Action Team Reports

a. Community Landscape

Sarah Lande discussed the Trees Forever Grant.

b. Community Trails

John Sayles encouraged everyone to attend the Public Works meetings. Leadership Muscatine class participants are considering adding drinking fountains along the trails as a

class project. Discussion was heard on the best method to complete a public outreach on safety concerns along the trails, including the use of cell phones and proper dog handling. Sarah Lande discussed the National Geographic Sustainable Geo-Tourism Program for The Mississippi River. Web site information will be sent out when it becomes available.

c. Downtown

John Beckey announced the Girls Get Away Weekend date has been set for April 10 & 11. Suggestions or recommendations for additional board members would be welcomed.

John inquired about the Street Scape plans on Second Street. Andrew Fangman commented these plans are still in development stages and will be revisited at a later date. Dave Gobin noted 3 local banks have established a 1M building loan improvement fund for these improvements. Grant funding applications are also available.

Gregg Mandsager and Greg Jenkins are forming a committee to discuss Branding for the city. Information will be brought to the next meeting.

d. Community Art

None at this time.

e. Cultural

None at this time.

Next Meeting Date – February 24, 2015

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Agenda

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Tuesday, February 24, 2015 – Noon

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the January 2015 regular meeting
3. Comments from citizens
4. Comments from Mayor
5. River Drive Project Overview – Gregg Mandsager
6. Blue Zones Update
7. CAT Grant Project Update
8. Action Team Reports
 - a. Community Landscaping
 - b. Community Trails
 - c. Downtown
 - d. Community Art
 - e. Cultural
9. Next meeting date – March 24, 2015