



MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING: DES MOINES CENTRAL LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM 1
MAY 1, 2024 – 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

***Call to Order**

6pm introduction of board members

In attendance: Luke Ifland, Dave Jennings, Deb Madison-Levi, Brandon Brown, Doug Selsor, Jordan Locke, Christine Comito, Julie Feier, speakers, 8 community members

Community Presentations

6:00 - 7:00

- Hailie Van Velzen, Des Moines Fire Department
Frontline Perspective- Mobile Integrated Healthcare

Six-month pilot program since January, team of 2 fire department staff, program put in place to assist at homeless shelters. Huge cost savings – only 18% taken to hospital, people can get triage treatment at on-site clinic at 1420 Mulberry. Usual–64 calls in a month, only 15 calls in April 2024. Top callers to 911, setting up home visits to prevent calls to 911 This will be a once-a-week visit for 10 weeks to educate callers on best ways to get services. Better using resources already available, rides, meals, etc. Methodist Hospital seeing a large decrease in services to homeless and minor urgent care incidents. Building relationships with unsheltered people, learning how best to help. Community Paramedicine, similar to Community Policing. Third phase – sobering center, in cooperation with Polk County, coming late fall, situated at the former DHS buildings on Carpenter St.

- Mark McKinney, Des Moines Police Department
Downtown Patrol Update

April stats: warmer weather – up on calls and arrests, mostly on Court Ave. Officers will be moving out of Skywalk and back onto streets more now. Officer Walters will still be skywalk officer.

Colin Quinn, DMPD – downtown enforcement squad, supervises 6 officers who volunteered to come downtown. Address Loop Scoopers (primarily 6th-17th Sts, Grand to Locust) (will expand to East Village) 4pm to midnight– noise levels, squealing tires, loud cars, loud music. First two weeks – written over 600 tickets (eg, \$89.50 for defective muffler, \$400 for insurance violation, towing for missing license plates). Most loop scoopers are from out of DSM. Goal to make it expensive if you're causing trouble.

Standing Reports

7:00 - 7:15

- Approval of [April](#) Minutes, Jordan moved, David seconded, all approved
- Treasurer's Report (April - *If available*), Brandon moved Jordan seconded, all approved to table until June

- Membership Report– Luke– 145 members, sent emails to lapsed members. Met with Jeff Bruning of Full Court Press re bringing in downtown businesses as business members. Idea to be able to buy gift certificates at a discount to use as downtown residents' discount. Next meeting with Orchestrate.
 - Link to Hubbell/Indigo Living's deals: [Resident Deals - Indigo Living \(goindigoliving.com\)](http://goindigoliving.com)
- Socials Report - Upcoming Events Schedule
 - DNA Traveling Coffee Hour – Julie set up monthly venues to suggest meet-ups, May 24 at La Mie Elevate,
 - [Link to submit event to CatchDSM if interested](#)
 - Upcoming social: Entertainment and Downtown Venues– May 22, 5-7 at the Cub Club, program at 6. Sam Bernabe from ICubs, Chris Connolly - General Manager, Iowa Events Center, Oak View Venue Management, Greg Edwards - President and CEO, Catch Des Moines
 - June - something in conjunction with Pride
 - August - National Night Out and State Fair parade

Business Items

7:15-8:00

- Schedule Listening Session - 2 way conversion topic– offer opportunity to downtown residents for people to weigh in opinions on Grand/Locust conversion possibilities, Tuesday May 14 at 6pm at the Downtown Library
- Strategic Planning - Position Statement on downtown full service grocery
- Discuss/Vote on [Membership Committee Charter](#) and what it entails for other committees
- Discuss/Vote on [Whistleblower Policy](#)
- Discuss amending and restating [Articles of Incorporation](#)
- NNO Planning Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Members are welcome to share neighborhood concerns or propose new neighborhood activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members, guests, and Board Members are welcome to share upcoming neighborhood events, news, or other items of interest wished to be shared with all neighbors.

ADJOURN moved to adjourn 7:55 by Christine, Deb seconded, all approved