



# June Board Meeting

Wednesday, 6/4/25 ♦ Central Library Meeting Room 1

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## Attendees

- Deb Madison-Levi, President,
- Jordan Locke, Treasurer
- David Jennings, Social Chair
- Christine Comito, Secretary
- Luke Ifland, Membership Chair
- Julie Feirer, Board Member [absent]
- Jennifer Bright, Board Member [absent]
- Sgt Hemsted, Des Moines Police
- Renae Mauk, VP Downtown Development, Greater Des Moines Partnership
- Amy Lego, Exec Director, Operation Downtown
- Community members

## Community Presentations

- Sgt Hemsted reported on downtown police activity. Incidents up this month v last month, calls for service. Driving tickets given out at much higher rate May over April. Community member asked about person on top of Plaza building. Sgt said this sometimes happens with the many events happening downtown, snipers are on the lookout.
- Proctor Lureman, CEO, and Steve Johnson, Govt Relations, Broadlawns Medical Center, provider of choice, not just uninsured. Excellent mental health options as well as a memory center. Clinic at Cityville, urgent care or primary care available. Also provide services at Drake Community Clinic and East Univ Clinic by the Fairgrounds as well as main campus on Hickman. Increases in ER needs. New focus on “walk in” opportunities, as opposed to only urgent care. Offer walk-in mental health care for both adults as well as under 18 at 1914 Carpenter, including med review, therapy, crisis care. St Vincent de Paul Sobering Center in that location as well. Hopeful that sobering center will help lower Des Moines’ above-average alcohol-related death rate. Projected wait times are shown. Offering Certified Nursing Course for local high school students. Mission to improve overall health of our community  
Question about backfilling some of cuts to Primary Health Care. Broadlawns working to help with that. Question about funding/income for the hospital: About 47% of patients use Medicare, and taxpayer dollars help fund Broadlawns so it can serve the community.

- Juan Carlos Cadenillas, Polk County Health Dept.
  - Community Health Improvement Plan—a roadmap to help county improve residents' access to care, collaboratively creating meaningful change. Focus on three indicators: access to care, economic instability and empowerment, mental health care. Goal: provide the care to people: what they need when they need it
- Julie Hempel, superintendent from Parks and Recs Dept.
  - Still have summer job openings, posted
  - Aquatic Centers opened last weekend, starting this Saturday will be 7 days/week.
  - DMPL Sprayground has a lights feature, open til 10pm
  - Text 84483 for info about trails, aquatic centers, etc.
  - June 11 at East Side Library, Plant Grow Fly clas
  - Zumba starting at Brenton Plaza, many other events there as well including roller skating on Friday nights, 3rd Sat Funkhouse Skatejam with a DJ for kids 14+
  - Swim lessons still open
  - Cemetery tours available at Woodland and Glendale
  - Kicked off adaptive programs last year and ramped up this year: summer camps, kayak, soccer and baseball classes
  - Riverside Dog Park open house, June 21 10am-12 noon
  - Free Flix, mobile screen, July 4 at Captain Roy's
  - Gray's Lake yoga Saturday mornings except June 8 (Ironman); paddleboarding classes available.
  - Juneteenth celebration on June 21 at DMPL
  - Park & Play mobile game van schedule on website
- Andy Beal & Marissa Grimes from Beal Derkenne Construction, 515 Walnut Tower Project update. Company has worked in tight spaces many times: college campuses and other cities. Currently asking City of DSM for exceptions to work hours to be able to pour hot concrete in the overnight hours. Expecting about 1500 concrete trucks over the course of the project! Beginning concrete project mostly on Walnut and Fifth Streets. Beyond level 4, will need a hopper on southside of building (about lawnmower sized noise), back-up alarms are usually the most annoying of the sounds, possibly can hear whistling of workers alerting to overhead transports.

## Standing Reports

1. Approval of May Minutes - Moved by Jordan, 2nd by David; Approved

2. Treasurer's Report - Jordan Locke
3. Socials Report - Upcoming Events
  - a. Tuesday Together at Centro, June 10, 5:30pm
  - b. Iowa State Fair Parade, August 6
  - c. DNA Block Party at the Hub Spot, September 20
4. Marketing / Communication Report
  - a. Reimagine DART survey supports Ridership Concept, David will put together Social & Learn to learn more about that, probably in August
5. Membership report – 167 active memberships, up 25% over last year. Businesses Orchestrate and Slaughterhouse/Haunt have joined, working out deals for members.
6. DNA Governance
  - a. Discussion of DNA meeting times and format
  - b. Tax status –looking into difference between 501(c)4 (current, membership-driven, able to advocate for members, no tax deductible donations) and 501(c)3 (public benefit, tax free)
  - c. Expansion boundary discussion pushed to next meeting

## Business Items

- None

Adjourned at 8:00 pm