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Community Improvement Action Team
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – Noon
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Alexander, Beckey, Broderson, Conway, Dwyer, Fangman, Jenkins, Lande, Liegois, Spread

Members Absent: Carlson, Gobin, Klimes, Meeker, Reed

Guests Present: Axel, Cochran, Dindinger, Hansen, Morris, Morrow, Reichert, Sayles

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Greg Jenkins

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2016 regular meeting. Moved by Liegois, Second by Broderson All ayes; motion carries.

Comments from Citizens

Dave Ales presented information for the 2016 Sidewalk Poetry Competition Walking Words which is sponsored by the Muscatine County Arts Council. Competition is open from 4/1 – 4/30. Details are available on their website.

Comments from Mayor

Mayor Broderson provided updates on the additional teams to be added to the CIAT.

- 1) The Lift Up Muscatine Consortium group is meeting monthly to discuss income and poverty issues.
- 2) The “Millennials of Muscatine” is gaining input and advice from this age group to improve and entice their involvement in the community. Brian Broderson, an MCC student is serving as the Chairperson of this team.
- 3) The Collective Impact Team is working closely with Jerry Riibe to help improve the drop out and poor attendance rate.

Blue Zones Update

The Worksite Summit was very successful. Additional activities are being planned for spring.

CAT Grant Project Update

Greg noted work on the presentation is in continuation. This line item may be removed from the Agenda until further action is taken.

Action Team Reports

a. Community Landscape

Laura Liegois commented no significant action had taken place as this is a significant part of the Mississippi Corridor Project. Mayor Broderson commented citizens indicated they prefer not to wait on this project due to the extended time for its completion.

b. *Community Trails*

Randy Hill has consented to continue serving as this Committee Chairperson.

c. *Downtown*

Laura Leigois discussed attempts to meet with the residents of the downtown area to discuss actions plans to clean up this area prior to the RAGBRAI event.

d. *Community Art*

Melanie discussed the student outside art project completion. The UI student has submitted a photograph of framed art work which the CIAT members did not feel met the scope of the project. Melanie will reach out to the student for alternate art work.

e. *Cultural*

Sarah encouraged attendance at the Nation Level Chinese Orchestra performance.

Dog Park Update

Erin reported the land is prepared and ready to plant this spring. Volunteers will be needed for mowing this plot until it is developed, then the Parks & Recreation department will provide this service.

RAGBRAI

Janet Morrow noted the route has not been determined at this time. The Great River Days Festival will continue as planned on this date with the exception of moving the carnival closer to the boat ramps with the food and beverage vendors stationed near the anchor statue. The anchor statue will serve as the dividing line between RAGBRAI activities and the Festival making an unobstructed entrance on Iowa Avenue.

Next Meeting Date – March 22, 2016

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Susan Fulton