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**Downtown Partners Sioux City Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

Downtown Partners, 418 Pierce Street

7:30 a.m. July 24, 2014

Present: Ryan Avery, Darin Daby, Frank Forneris, Kim Friessen, Terry Glade, Annette Hamilton, Ben Knoepfler, Dan Moore, Ryan Ross

Absent: Mark Hinds, Larry Jensen, Todd Moyer, Keith Radig, Anne Westra

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

The board welcomed new member Frank Forneris, Mercy Medical Center.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. A motion was made to accept as written. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Cone Park project on the agenda to accommodate anyone needing to leave early. An overview of the project's status was given by those involved and input was discussed from last evening's council session. The board strongly supports that the project take place in downtown and will assist in any way we can; i.e. site options, survey distribution, cost share endowment discussions, and providing written support when necessary.

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept as written. Motion carried.

The June 2014 financial reports were presented and reviewed. A motion was made to accept as written. Motion carried.

Prior to updates from each task force, the board agreed that over the next few months, each task force should address goals for the upcoming year and have a succession plan for chair positions. An update was given from each task force and each update included a reminder on the dynamics of the groups involved:

Kim Friessen announced that the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce will be represented by Sam Wagner. Sam was introduced and will be the chairperson for the Economic Development/Partnerships task force.

Ross updated everyone on the trolley's successful launch and the group has been getting updates on the two-way conversion, the city's complete streets policy and wayfinding discussions are underway.



The livability task force continues to work on green-space options, but a thank you was sent to the Sioux City Schools in regards to the look and initiative to create a new seating area and landscaping at 4th & Jackson. Recycling options are still being researched, along with housing and skywalk discussions.

The communication task force will be meeting next month to discuss the magazine and upcoming newsletters and social media posts.

The Trader Sioux project is working with Dakota Worldwide Corporation on the food market feasibility study and providing information. The study should be completed by early September.

An update was given by board members attending a City Center meeting. We were approached by businesses within the “core” of downtown looking to coordinate on an area identity and approach.

Adjournment at 8:37 a.m.