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

Downtown Partners, 418 Pierce Street

7:30 a.m. September 24, 2015

Present: Ryan Avery, Jennifer Rose Bass, Darin Daby, Terry Glade, Mark Hinds, Ben Knoepfler, Dan Moore, Todd Moyer, Keith Radig, Ryan Ross, Sam Wagner, Anne Westra

Absent: Frank Forneris, Dennis Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

Nichols Rise & Co. presented the annual financial review. A motion was made to accept the review. Motion carried.

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

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

The August 2015 financial reports were presented and reviewed. Adjust line item 83200 to reflect "Social Media". A motion was made to accept as written. Motion carried.

Wagner reported that the Economic Development/Partnerships task force met to discuss goals for the upcoming rfp development. Items to consider in the scope include retail development, market rate housing, amenities; grocery, façade program.

Ross reported on this month's Transportation task force meeting. The group has taken on designing a layout for the Better Block/Parklet concept and has proposed a layout for Nebraska, Pierce and 5th Streets. This will go onto the Livability Task Force for input as well.

Daby updated the board on the Livability topics discussed at the last meeting. The group reviewed the Better Block/Parklet layout ideas and agreed with the area. They have proposed the purchase of annual planters and locations with matches from the Ho-Chunk Center and Great Southern Bank. A motion was made to approve up to \$7,200 to be used for the purchase of new 30 X 30 concrete planters. Motion



carried. The group is also working with the City on replacing grates with a porous pave material that would greatly assist with debris build up and weed control. A test area is being proposed along 4th Street from Pierce to Nebraska. That would constitute a total of 9 trees at \$200 each. A motion was made to approve \$1,800 for the testing of porous pave material. Motion carried.

The Communication task force has sent the “tear off” maps to print. Social media for the fall was purchased for both Facebook and Google PC again due to the success this summer. A meeting for transient services was facilitated by the office and the police department. This meeting drew over 50 people and was received well with guests providing input and next steps planned.

The Trader Sioux project is moving forward. There will be a heavy focus on retail, committing to a site and talking with local food producers. Bogenrief will provide an update at the November/December meeting.

An ad hoc committee was formed to work on the goals and outcomes we would like to see incorporated into the rfp for organizational planning. The partnership with the IEDA and the Iowa Downtown Resource Center provides our input to be used in the design of the rfp by the IEDA and then review prior to submission. The group will meet at 10:30 today.

Adjournment at 8:42 a.m.