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

Downtown Partners, 418 Pierce Street

7:30 a.m. December 17, 2015

Present: Ryan Avery, Darin Daby, Frank Forneris, Mark Hinds, Dennis Johnson, Ben Knoepfler, Todd Moyer, Ryan Ross, Sam Wagner, Anne Westra

Absent: Jennifer Rose Bass, Terry Glade, Dan Moore, Keith Radig

Guest: Chris Bogenrief

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m.

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

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

The October and November 2015 financial reports were presented and reviewed. A motion was made to accept both as written. Motion carried.

Three sponsorship requests were presented; Sioux City Bandits requested a \$900 sponsorship, Base3 requested a \$500 marketing sponsorship, and the Innovation Market would like support for this year's speakers at \$500. All requests were reviewed and a motion was made to approve. Motion carried.

Wagner reported that the Economic Development/Partnerships task force reviewed the Organizational Planning RFP and recommend releasing it as an RFQ that would narrow the focus and could acquire firm qualifications prior to going through the detailed list of deliverables. The task force would like to continue moving forward with a property enhancement program that works from lessons learned on past programs and provides assistance to downtown properties.

Forneris reported that the Transportation task force continues to work in conjunction with the Livability task force in looking at parklet layouts and cost estimates for the Pierce and Nebraska Streets proposal. Negotiations are in place with TravelPlus to continue providing trolley services to downtown in 2016. A new proposal and cost structure will come forward to the board and we hope for services to start again Memorial Day weekend.



Daby updated the board on the Livability task force's upcoming items, the parklets continue to be developed and concepts discussed for Pierce and Nebraska Streets. Infrastructure support will be needed from the City, so a more detailed layout will be provided at the joint meeting with City Council in February. The University of Iowa Urban & Regional Planning students have completed their mid-semester report; you can find it online here: http://downtownsiouxcity.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Final_MidYear_Report_GreenspacePlan_12-14-2015.pdf in the spring the students will focus on individual areas found in their research. The Environmental Advisory Board has applied for a grant focusing on the water flow and greenspace improvements along the Promenade fountain area. Johnson gave an update on Ho-Chunk's downtown living and property improvement projects, which will roughly double the current number of market rate housing units in downtown.

For the boards information, in the months of January and February, office staff focus on contact updates and property database information, VIP discount lists are updated website photos are added.

Chris Bogenrief attended the meeting to give an update on the history of the Trader Sioux initiative and steps that are being taken as they move forward.

The board further discussed the RFQ and changes will reflect adding the anticipated budget amount and the timeline after review by Glade and Cote. A motion was made to accept with changes. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 8:53 a.m.