

## Downtown Environment Work Group Meeting Notes



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302 Jones Street, Suite 200  
**12:00 p.m. July 20, 2016**

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**Present:** Stacie Anderson, David Brockshus, Fritz Burow, Melissa Campbell, Ragen Cote, Darin Daby, Glenn Ellis, Sarah Fish, Bob Fitch, Terry Glade, Dawn Kimmel, Kathie Pfaffle, Denise Salem, Matt Salvatore

Glade welcomed the group and began introductions.

Cote gave an overview of the report completed by Brad Segal, with Progressive Urban Management Associates and provided a work plan derived from the report detailing the organizational capacity, goals, initiatives and activities.

This group will be considering other reports and activities all ready in motion, such as, the report from Roger Brooks, the report from the University of Iowa Greenspaces Team (Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities), Riverfront planning, I-29 design and corridor/connection construction, SIMPCO plans and the bike trail system.

The goals of this work group are to:

1. Advocate for riverfront connections and explore activation options by focusing on urban design and place-making efforts toward the riverfront.
2. Improve the pedestrian and bicycle experience to support housing and business development by advocating for “complete street” concepts on key corridors that connect different parts of downtown.
3. Advance the greening of downtown, including more landscaping and trees along streetscapes and park(s), including a central gathering place or “town square park”.

Each member selected areas of interest, although many identified being able to help/assist in other areas.

1. Daby, Glade, Pfaffle and Salvatore
2. Burow, Ellis, Kimmel and Salem
3. Anderson, Brockshus, Campbell, Daby, Fish, Fitch and Pfaffle

For the next meeting, members were asked to collect a list of current projects and future ideas in order to begin sorting and prioritizing the work groups’ action steps. Cote will also send information regarding the upcoming Pearl Park meeting.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, August 16 at 12:00 p.m. at Cannon Moss Brygger Architects (302 Jones St. #200)  
*\*meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month through the end of the year. Meeting days and times will be re-evaluated for 2017.*

