

October 4, 2017

City Manager's Roundtable

Procter & Gamble Room, Mercer Park Aquatic Center

Meeting time Noon – 1 p.m.

Members present: Abby Anderson, Anthony Smith, Ashley Monroe, Bill Campbell, Chad Dyson, Charlie Eastham, Geoff Fruin, Henri Harper, James Throgmorton, Jean Paul Mugemuzi, Juli Seydell-Johnson, Kara Logsdon, Kristin Watson, Mazahir Salih, Melva Hughes, Orville Townsend, Sr., Peter Nkumu, RaQuishia Harrington, Royceann Porter, Simon Andrew, Stefanie Bowers, Susan Craig, Tracy Hightshoe, Denise Brotherton, Katie Linder, Phillip Lapointe.

Others present: Jonathan Shelton (US Cellular).

Meeting Overview

The meeting opened with participants introducing themselves and their organizational affiliations. See participant contact list for more background on attendees.

B.U.L.B.S!

Lieutenant Denise Brotherton introduced the program Building Unity Linking Businesses for Safety, or B.U.L.B.S!, a new initiative by the Iowa City Police Department that began Tuesday, Oct. 10. The program partners with local repair shops to replace burnt out vehicle lights for free for those that cannot afford to replace burnt out lights. While officers can still issue citations for equipment violations, the goal of B.U.L.B.S! is to give an option to officers to assist a driver experiencing financial or personal hardship a means to avoid costly fines, repairs and the inconvenience and frustration of being stopped due to a burnt out light.

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Assistant Professor Eric Tate of the University of Iowa Department of Geographical & Sustainability Sciences and an at-large representative for the City's Climate Action Steering Committee, provided information on the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. He also encouraged members to become involved in the process by attending a Community Meeting set for Nov. 2 where attendees can provide feedback and perspectives on the plan. A similar event will be held in April 2018.

Community Survey

Assistant to the City Manager Simon Andrew spoke on a Community Survey being mailed to 2,200 households in Iowa City. The surveys will gather residents' opinions on a variety of community issues. The households being surveyed were randomly selected by the National Research Center from the United States Postal Service mailing list. Postage paid envelopes will be included with the survey, along with instructions in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and French. A Spanish version of the survey will be made available online. Residents who speak other languages will need to come to City Hall and complete the survey with the assistance of City staff and Language Line.

Upcoming topics include:

-- An overview of City grants, programs and services available to improve living conditions

-- An update on the Community Survey

The final City Manager's Roundtable for 2017 is Wednesday, Dec. 6. It will be held at Mercer Park Aquatic Center.

Notes prepared by Stefanie Bowers.