

December 6, 2017

City Manager's Roundtable

Procter & Gamble Room, Mercer Park Aquatic Center

Meeting time 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Smith, Ashley Monroe, Bill Campbell, Chad Dyson, Charlie Eastham, Geoff Fruin, Henri Harper, Jean Paul Mugemuzi, Juli Seydell-Johnson, Kristin Watson, Melva Hughes, Orville Townsend, Sr., RaQuishia Harrington, Stefanie Bowers, Susan Craig, Jody Matherly, Anthony Branch, Joe Coulter, LaTasha DeLoach, Rafael Morataya, Shannon McMahon.

Others present: Pastor Lear, Katie Linder, Mariah Kauder, Lucy Joseph, Whitney Springer and Amanda Opitz.

Meeting overview

The meeting opened with participants introducing themselves and their organizational affiliations. See participant contact list for community affiliation.

Housing Rehabilitation Program for Homeowners

Lucy Joseph, Enforcement Specialist in Neighborhood Development Services, gave an overview of the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The purpose of the program is to help residents who are low to moderate income maintain and upgrade their homes. It is funded through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs.

Swim Lesson Scholarship Program

RaQuishia Harrington, Recreation Program Supervisor for Parks and Recreation provided application forms for the Swim Lesson Scholarship Program. The program provides funds to cover full participation in the Iowa City Parks and Recreation basic/group Swim Lesson Program. It aims to eliminate financial barriers for Iowa City youth needing basic swim instruction.

Green Iowa AmeriCorps Energy Audits

Amanda Opitz, Recreation Program Supervisor for Parks and Recreation, along with Whitney Springer, presented on the Green Iowa AmeriCorps Energy Audits. The City of Iowa City is a sponsor for the program along with MidAmerican Energy and the University of Northern Iowa. The energy audits are available to Iowa City residents (including mobile homes) and includes a home performance audit, weatherization, and evaluation for no charge.

Immigration Forum

Rafael Morataya mentioned an upcoming program on ICE detention policies and how the policies are undermining due process in Eastern Iowa. It is being held on December 14 at the Iowa City Public Library meeting room A from 6-8PM. Sponsors include the Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project and the Center for Worker Justice.

City of Iowa City Assistance and Grant Opportunities

Katie Linder, Digital Communications Specialist for the Communications division introduced a recently created document that provides information on discount programs, housing assistance and rehab

programs, and professional grant and loan programs. Further information can be found at the following three links.

<http://www.icgov.org/discounts>

<http://icgov.org/housingassistanceandrehab>

<http://icgov.org/professionalassistance>

Coffee with a Cop & Brugger's

Henri Harper, Community Outreach Assistant for the Police Department, mentioned the upcoming *Coffee with a Cop* being held on Friday, December 15 from 9:30-11AM at Casey's General Store on Broadway Street. He noted the recent collaboration between the Police Department, Bruegger's Bagels and the youth program FASTRAC to collect food for the Johnson County Crisis Center from November 8 - November 21, 2017.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Orville Townsend, Sr., invited attendees to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Celebration on Monday, January 15, 2018 beginning at 2:30PM. RaQuishia Harrington also will be working with a planning committee to develop MLK, Jr., programs for Saturday, January 13 and Monday, January 15.

B.U.L.B.S! Update

Police Chief Matherly updated the group on the B.U.L.B.S! program that was implemented in late October 2017. To date, officers have given out 38 vouchers and 8 have been redeemed. Chief Matherly also mentioned that the Police Department is recruiting officers. For a candidate information packet and to apply online visit icgov.org/policerecruitment. Over 100 applications have been received. The deadline to apply is December 15, 2017.

Other announcements include the Public Library hosting office hours for Ethan Novak, who does homeless outreach in this community and an upcoming holiday party being hosted by the Johnson County Empowerment Board—is this the right name.

Upcoming Roundtable topics include:

An update on the Community Survey; and programs and services offered by the City.

The next City Manager's Roundtable is Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Notes prepared by Stefanie Bowers.