

**Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
Lincoln Land Community College
Capital City Training Center
4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2015**

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Charlotte Warren, President
Mitch Johnson, Secretary
Sheila Stocks-Smith, Commissioner

Jack Mazzotti, Vice President
Michael Boer, Commissioner
Dave Olejniczak, Commissioner

Absent:

Dr. Elvin Zook, Commissioner
Jennifer Lee, Commissioner
Rex Brown, Commissioner
Ramona Metzger, Treasurer

Other guests:

Steve Myers
Lisa Stott
Tom Fitch
Paul Wheeler
Joe Ushman
Josh Collins

Convening of the monthly meeting of the Commission

C. Warren called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. M. Johnson initiated roll call and verified that a quorum was present.

Community Wellness Program

C. Warren introduced Tom Fitch and Paul Wheeler to discuss some ideas about health and wellness programs within the Medical District. P. Wheeler presented an overview from a conference he recently attended that highlighted how healthcare is moving to community wellness. P. Wheeler discussed how community organizations could work with the Medical District to create more of a linkage between the community and healthcare.

M. Boer discussed P. Wheeler and FWAI Architects work on the proposal of a health education building and thanked P. Wheeler for their work on the project even though the project as originally envisioned was not implemented.

Commissioners and other guests engaged in a general discussion regarding how community health and wellness could be better linked with the Medical District. Commissioners agreed that further discussion should take place.

Approval of minutes of the April 9, 2015 Commission meeting

On a motion by S. Stocks-Smith, seconded by D. Olejniczak, the Commission members present unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting.

Financial Report

On a motion by M. Boer, seconded by J. Mazzotti, the Commission members present unanimously voted to approve the financial report for March and April of 2015.

Q5 program report

J. Collins informed the Commission that the Chamber is gathering information from the large medical institutions within Sangamon County to update the marketing material for the Medical District and for target marketing material for Q5's business attraction efforts. J. Collins informed the Commission that they had about half of the request for information turned in and hoped to have the other half by the June meeting.

The Commission then discussed the student housing project and if it was within the Medical District boundaries. It was confirmed that it was not within the boundaries of the Medical District but was adjacent on the south side of Madison Street.

Old Business

S. Stocks-Smith presented a summary she prepared of the Master Plan. The summary included key points with the master plan, physical analysis of the District, public visioning, general strategies, transportation framework, open space network, catalyst projects and closing thoughts. There was a question regarding whether the plan was ever adopted and it was confirmed that the plan was adopted by the Commission and the City of Springfield. A summary of the presentation is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

Commissioners then discussed accomplishments within the Medical District over the past ten years and what priorities should be pursued in the short term.

Commissioners felt that gateway entry signs were worth pursuing again and C. Warren and M. Boer agreed to discuss next steps.

Commissioners indicated that they thought some community wellness programs would be worth pursuing. C. Warren will follow up with T. Fitch and P. Wheeler about their earlier presentation and will discuss next steps.

C. Warren will also try to set up a meeting with Mayor Langfelder to discuss the Medical District.

New Business

M. Boer asked the Commission to take a moment of silence to remember L. Johnson who had recently passed away. The Commission took a moment of silence for L. Johnson.

M. Boer reminded the Commission that L. Johnson was the ethics officer and informed the group that we should appoint a new ethics officer.

S. Stocks-Smith volunteered to serve as the Ethics Officer. On a motion by D. Olejniczak, seconded by J. Mazzotti, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint S. Stocks-Smith as the Ethics Officer.

Reports of Commission officials

C. Warren informed the Commission that everything has been turned into the Auditor General's Office and we are waiting to hear back on the audit.

J. Collins gave an update on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) process of submitting the rules to the Secretary of State Index Office. J. Collins is waiting on a form from JCAR.

Presidents Report

C. Warren informed the Commission that she and J. Collins would not be able to attend the June 11 meeting. The Commission rescheduled the June meeting to June 18th at 4:30 pm at the Capital City Training Center.

Public Comment

S. Myers discussed the need for housing development with the Medical District and encouraged the Commission to reach out to development companies.

J. Ushman asked about the boundaries of the Medical District and if the boundary was in the middle of the road. There was no definitive answer, but the commission's belief is that the boundary is in the middle of the road

Adjournment

On a motion by J. Mazzotti, seconded by S. Stocks-Smith, the Commission members present unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm

Submitted by:

Mitch Johnson
MIMD Commission Secretary