

College Hill Partnership Monday, August 10th, 2020 12:00pm via Zoom

College Hill Partnership Mission Statement College Hill Partnership (CHP) is a non-profit organization that serves as the leader in revitalization and promotion of the College Hill area, an urban neighborhood community. The scope of its mission includes promoting healthy neighborhood businesses and housing enhancement; strengthening collaboration and pride; developing public/private partnerships; and serving as an advocate for addressing area concerns.

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| Х | Dave Deibler, Past President | Х | Chris Martin, President, Resident |
| Х | Kathryn Sogard, CHP Coordinator | Х | Doug Johnson, Treasurer, At-Large |
| Χ | Becky Hawbaker, Secretary, Resident | Χ | Ryan Kreiner, Vice President, Landlord |
| Χ | Kyle Dehmlow, At Large | Х | Andy Fuchtman, At-Large |
| Х | Brent Dahlstrom, At-Large | | Elle Boeding, UNI Student Government |
| Χ | Bettina Fabos Martin, Landlord | | Mike Hayes Ex-Officio City Liaison |
| Х | Andrea Geary, Business | Х | Andrew Morse, Ex-Officio UNI |
| Х | Barb Schilf, Business | | Mary-Sue Bartlett Ex-Officio CHAF |
| | Cary Darrah Ex-Officio, Cedar Valley Alliance | Х | Crystal Ford, Ex-Officio, Community Main Street |
| Х | Vaughn Griffith Ex-Officio Master Gardner/Hill Beautification | | |

Guests: Karen Howard, Chase Schrage

- I. Call to order: Martin called the meeting to order at noon.
- II. Approval Minutes: Dehmlow/Griffith moved to approve the July meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. New Business:

a. Pettersen Plaza Extension Project: Chase Schrage shared designs for a planned extension of box culverts for Dry Run Creek that would result in a curved walkway that would extend Pettersen Plaza. The designs include seating, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping. Schrage explained how this project is part of the ongoing work the city has done to create better long-term management of Dry Run Creek all through the Overlay. An easement on at least one of the properties may be needed (2009), but without the project, the creek will meander even closer to that property. Dehmlow strongly recommended installing cameras for security. Schrage asked for more feedback in the coming weeks, but later in this meeting

Griffith shared that the Pettersen Plaza Committee is strongly in favor of the project, and Dehmlow/Griffith moved to endorse and support the city's Pettersen Plaza extension project with a recommendation to include security cameras. The motion passed.

b. Discussion of Meeting with President Nook & Staff: Martin distributed his notes from the meeting. Nook had shared updates on measures UNI is taking to protect against COVID this fall and answered our questions. He also asked about measures taken by Hill businesses and stressed the economic impact of having students on campus and the loss for the community if UNI is unable to keep students safe and must move to virtual instruction again.

One of the ideas discussed in the meeting with Nook was to display UNI-designed safety signage on College Hill. Martin shared one such design with TC Panther prompting people to wear masks. **Dehmlow/Hawbaker moved to obtain window clings or posters of this design, to post in our kiosks and other public places, and to request businesses to also display it. The motion passed.**

Hawbaker suggested that as we distribute/offer the posters, we should also survey businesses about their mask policies and other safety measures and post to our website and local "Cedar Valley Restaurant/Retail Mask Policies" group on Facebook.

Dahlstrom shared that he is currently in Breckenridge, CO, and has been enjoying the Walkable Main Street while there. He urged CHP to explore and pursue this idea for the Hill as a way to provide safer, outdoor seating, and as a way for businesses to pool resources for things like live music. Ford noted that this idea was considered by Community Main Street, but wasn't seen as workable because of complications with ABD and liquor licenses. There was strong interest in the idea and a committee to study and make a proposal to the city was created that will include: Barb Schilf, Dave Deibler, Bettina Fabos, Andy Fuchman, Andrew Morse, Andrea Geary, and Brent Dahlstrom. Howard encouraged the committee to come up with several different options for the city to consider.

IV. Updated Business:

- a. PPP Loan: The PPP loan was submitted and ~\$4800 has been deposited in our account.
- b. Wheat Pasting Project: Fabos explained that the original project that had been envisioned to celebrate spring graduation was delayed because of a broken printer at CopyWorks. She is working on a new design with UNI Art professor Noah Doely.

V. Reports from Committees:

- a. Light Up College Hill: Martin gave a brief update. Several noted how well the lighting would complement a Walkable College Hill pedestrian mall.
- b. Neighborhood Committee: No report

- c. Communication Committee: No report
- VI. Reports from Executive Officers:
 - a. President: Martin had no additional report beyond what he shared above
 - b. Treasurer: Johnson shared his report. There were no questions.
- VII. Report from UNI:
 - a. UNI Student Update: No report
 - b. Andrew Morse, No report
- VIII. Reports of Staff & Ex-Officio Liaisons
 - a. Kathryn Sogard shared a written report of her activities. She also reported that Collins Community Credit Union awarded CHP a grant of just over \$2400 for Pettersen Plaza. She asked board members to thank Tom Blansford for continuing to support and work for CHP after leaving city government.
 - b. Beautification: Griffith reported that recent rains have helped the plantings and that the Pettersen Plaza Committee was strongly in favor of the city's Plaza extension project.
 - c. Liaisons: No updates
- IX. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1PM. Next meeting will be September 14th, at 12pm, at TBD.

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Hawbaker