**College Hill Partnership Annual Meeting**

**April 9, 2018**

**Octopus**

**I. Call to order**

Vice-President Kamyar Enshayan welcomed everyone to the meeting to College Hill Partnership Annual Meeting.

**II. Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Doug Johnson motioned to approve the minutes, Barb seconded. Motioned carried.

**III. College Hill Farmers Market Report**

Jodie Huegerich shared that this year’s market will have meat, beef, and pork and turkeys. In addition, they will have eggs and produce bakery and jams, as in the past. The first market of the season will be on June 7th and there will be a special kickoff event. Also weekly newsletter you can signup and will have reward cars for every $3 spend you get a punch and you get discount at the hill business.

**IV. Report From President**

There was no report from President Andy Fuchtman as was unable to attend.

**V. Report From Executive Director**

Kathryn Sogard introduced herself and discussed the upcoming customer appreciation day – “Hill-ebration” on April 21 . Several College Hill and several CH businesses will have promotions or specials during those days. Sogard invited people to join a committee. They meet once a month for about an hour, and a great way to get involved. There is a Google calendar with meetings, etc. To be included in the calendar, email or let Sodard know.

1. **Election Rules**

Sodgard shared that members received a ballot. She then read the election rules in the bylaws.

**VI. Actionable Business/ Agenda Items**

A. Board Elections

**1. Introduce Candidates.** Candidates were invited to stand up and say a few works.

Chris Martin has board member since it was started 10 years ago. He shared it has been a delight to be a part of this organization and he is putting himself forward to work with the College Hill Partnership. He is a resident ,a landlord and works at the University. Martin shared that he feels like he is integrated and tied into the hill and would appreciated your support.

Amanda Walters works at MUDD advertising can could bring her marketing/promotions skills to help the Partnership. She lives in the area and would like to represent the young professionals.

Becky Hawbaker was unable to attend, so her husband Aaron Hawbaker spoke on her behalf. He shared they both love the hill and Becky is dedicated to the Board and would continue to work for the Board.

Barb Schilf was unable to speak as she had to leave, but is running for reelection.

Dave Deibler was first the president of Board and has spent last 30 years on the Hill. If elected would like to see everyone included. Deibler shared that the Hill is the more diverse than any area and he would like to see growth and come to the hill.

Sodgard informed everyone that Evan Renfro had withdrawn his nomination.

Following formal candidate Enshayan asked for any Nominations from the floor.

Cara Bigalo Baker was nominated for the business representative. She was born and raised here and business owner on the Hill since 2012. She would like to build growth not only at the college level, but also the residence and Cedar Falls and get them involved in all areas.

B. Vote on Bylaw Changes

Sodgard explained the proposed changes of the bylaws. The proposed changes would be membership would be limited to those in the overlay district; a change in how board elections are conducted - from elections by the membership to elections conducted by the board; changing the board member terms from a 2 year term to 3 year term; and changing the language from coordinator to executive director.

Concern was raised by several members that elections conducted by the Board would lead to a self-perpetuating Board. Future CHP members would not have a say in Board leadership and there would be no mechanism for members to get on the Board. The proposed changes would disenfranchising the membership. Marin shared that there would still be annual meetings and they would receive nominations at that meeting. This model has worked well for Community Main Street, and a new model is being explored as there has always been a struggle to get people who are willing to serve on the Board.

The question was raised if people who live outside the overlay join, by paying $25 would they have any voting rights, or would it be a $25 donation. Sogard explained that friends would not have any voting rights.

Enshayan called for a vote. The question was raised it there was a possibility of line item voting, and it was clarified that the vote was for the amendments as proposed as a whole.

The measure failed to pass, 19 no and 17 yes.

**VII. Other Business/ Forum**

There was no other business. Sogard thanked the Milkbox and Greehouse for the food and Octopus for hosting the meeting.

**VIII. Adjourn**