



College Hill Partnership Meeting, Sept, 2019, CHP Office

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

Guests: Jeff Olsen, Mark Holmes, Tom Blanford

- I. Call to order: Deibler called the meeting to order at noon.
- II. Minutes: The August minutes were approved with no changes
- III. New Business
 - a. 2020 Visitor Guide **Deibler/Schilf moved to participate in the Visitor's Guide. The motion passed.** A two-page spread featuring photos of specific Hill businesses will be designed. Dehmlow stated his businesses would purchase all of the featured business spots if others are not willing or able to.
 - b. Recent Incidents on College Hill: Chief Olsen reported that the public safety staffing on the Hill has increased significantly. He shared that from most recent incident, they filed fourteen warrants, served/arrested eight, seven of whom were on probation and are now in custody. There have continued to be incidents of varying intensity the last few weekends. New cameras are all operational and

all public safety officers on the Hill have bodycams as well. The problems stem from people congregating outside Hill businesses most of the night and/or not going home when the bars close and the expectation that fights will occur then. The terms of some probations require people to be home before midnight, to not be near alcohol, so photos are taken and turned over the probation officers to view. There was further discussion of press coverage of these issues and potential strategies for . Levang shared that he has not heard students say that they are afraid to come out to the Hill, but that he has noticed an increase in house parties over bar traffic. Mark said that the most problematic people are not UNI students, but are not all gang members either, but Upper Iowa/Ellsworth students, and non-students. Deibler expressed that to some extent this issue will always be a challenge on the Hill, it just needs to be managed to the extent that it can be. Dehmlow stated that the arrests, visible recording devices, and increased police presence send the message that people who disturb the peace or are violent will face real consequences. Blanford, Olsen, and Mayor Brown held several forums for concerned neighbors. There was discussion safety in house parties vs. going to bars, 21 only bars, and historical trends. Sogard asked for direction on how to respond to requests from the press and to Facebook inquiries from the public. There was agreement that having a strong, constructive, positive message from CHP in the press. Chief Olsen stressed that our crime statistics are very low, and that despite these issues, overall Cedar Falls and the hill remain safe.

- c. 2211 College St. Design Review: Fuchtmann questioned whether there are two parking stalls behind the building, which was addressed in the Analysis section and should be clarified. Dehmlow asked for more information about the color scheme and how much would be electric blue vs. the neutral tones. Dehmlow asked if there had been any CHP Façade Review for Up in Smoke when they repainted their façade. There was further discussion about the role CHP has played in the past in these decisions and the role we can or should play in the future. Blanford commented that Community Main Street is very firm with their Design standards and review process. Sogard will draft a letter seeking clarification and communicating possible concern at the P&Z meeting this week.
 - d. Familiarization Tour: Opportunity to advertise and come to a meeting on a Management Company that brings in businesses considering a large conference or meeting in the area. **Deibler/Schilf moved to fund the cost of Sogard attending the Familiarization Tour (\$150). The motion passed.**
- IV. Updated Business
- a. Wheatpasting on College Hill during Homecoming: Request for assistance in identifying locations and funding. There was concern about the timing of installing the project on Homecoming week. It would be better before then. This

project will go to P&Z this week. **Deibler/Martin moved to approve \$640 for this project. The motion passed.**

- b. Rental supports: Martin shared what is currently posted on the UNI Dean of Student's website on "Things to Consider when Viewing a Rental Property" and Useful Resources. He suggested that CHP link to this site as well as the city code chapters that are most relevant. Dehmlow suggested a link on how to officially change your address.
- V. Reports of the Executive Officers
- a. President: Dave Deibler: The Hill itself is looking much better, but now the garbage issues are just beyond the Hill. He encouraged members to contact the Code Enforcement officer.
 - b. Financial Officer: Johnson was not present to present the Financial Report
- VI. Reports, Staff & Ex-Officio Liaisons
- a. CHP Executive Director: See written report. The Panther Block Party attracted 550 students. Two families participated in Hill Clean Up. Dehmlow asked if there are options for businesses to participate to increase variety in contests such as "best pizza on the Hill." Sogard expressed the constraints of the event.
 - b. Beautification: Griffith, no report
 - c. Liaisons: Hayes reported that Special Event requests are now all online and must be submitted separately for each event. Homecoming street closures will be the same as last year.
- VII. Committee Reports
- a. Neighborhood Services: No report
- VIII. Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Hawbaker

Next meeting: October 14th