

Joint Meeting

Johnson County Board of Supervisors, City of Iowa City, City of Coralville, City of North Liberty, City of Tiffin, City of Hills, City of Solon, City of University Heights, Iowa City Community School District, Clear Creek Amana School District, University of Iowa

Monday, April 19, 2021

Zoom

Minutes

Call to order

North Liberty Mayor Terry Donahue called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Attendees:

Johnson County Board of Supervisors: Rod Sullivan, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter, Lisa Green-Douglass
City of Iowa City City Council: John Thomas, Janice Weiner, Laura Bergus, Susan Mims, Mayor Bruce Teague, Pauline Taylor

City of Coralville City Council: Mayor John Lundell, Laurie Goodrich, Hai Huynh

City of North Liberty City Council: Brent Smith, Mayor Terry Donahue, RaQuishia Harrington, Chris Hoffman

City of University Heights City Council: Mayor Louise From

Iowa City Community School District School Board: Shawn Eyestone, Charlie Eastham

City of Swisher: Mayor Chris Taylor

Staff: Cami Rasmussen, Sam Jarvis, Ellen Habel, Juli Johnson, Kelly Hayworth, Geoff Fruin, Ryan Heiar, Donna Brooks, Matt Miller, Doug Boldt

Guests: Manny Galvez, Eric Page, David Goodner, Mark Nolte, Marlen Mendoza, Katie Biechler, Emily Sinwell

Spring/Summer Park and Recreation programming and implementation (North Liberty)

Juli Johnson presented an update on Iowa City Recreation and Library updates. Kelly Hayworth presented the Coralville update. Ryan Heiar updated on North Liberty's status on Recreation and Library. Cami Rasmussen provided an update for Solon Library and Recreation.

COVID-19 Vaccinations – Sam Jarvis, Interim Public Health Director (North Liberty, Iowa City & Johnson County)

Sam Jarvis, Johnson County Public Health, provided an update on status of vaccinations in Johnson County. Jarvis encouraged all to continue promoting vaccination.

Ideas to expand vaccine rollout in Johnson County – Mark Nolte (Iowa City)

Mark Nolte, Project Better Together, reported on initiatives being planned to market and message regarding vaccinations. The initiative is being handled like a political campaign to amplify the public health message. He encouraged all to help in the This is our Shot Johnson County campaign by sending a personal video regarding vaccination experience to markanolte@gmail.com to be used in the campaign. Royceann Porter reported on an event on April 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The group discussed this agenda item and vaccines generally with Nolte and Jarvis.

GuideLink Center Update – Matt Miller, Project Manager (Johnson County)

Matt Miller provided an update on the Guidelink Center opening including thanks to the entities that helped make it happen. Donahue offered thanks to Miller for the successful opening.

Entity in parenthesis requested the item be placed on the agenda.

American Rescue Plan funds – coordinating among governmental entities to maximize impact (Iowa City)

Manny Galvez requested assistance from this program from workers that did not receive stimulus due to status. Councilor Weiner presented additional information on this item. She suggests a task force with representatives from stakeholders to create multipliers. Eastham spoke on behalf of the Center for Worker Justice to include representatives from low income communities that are dealing with impacts of the pandemic. Marlen Mendoza encouraged that the task force consider those most affected. Supervisor Sullivan requested that the task force include both staff and elected officials from entities to get multiple perspectives. Katie Biechler read the list of demands from community organizations for spending the federal funds. Donna Brooks presented a summary of how federal funds are required to be expended and documented. She suggested that the conversation go even larger to a regional group. Funding is coming for Community Navigators to help with equitable access. The group discussed the agenda item.

General entity updates

No general updates were offered.

Next meeting date and time

Iowa City Community School District will host the next meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Donahue adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.