



Joint Entities Meeting

North Liberty Community Center
Gerdin Conference Center
Monday, January 9, 2023

Minutes

Call to order

North Liberty Mayor Chris Hoffman called the January 9, 2023 Joint Entities Meeting to order at the North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry Street, North Liberty. Elected officials present: North Liberty – Mayor Chris Hoffman and Councilors RaQuishia Harrington, Ashley Bermel, Brent Smith and Ere Sittig; Coralville – Mayor Meghann Foster and Councilors Laurie Goodrich, Mitch Gross, Hai Huynh and Mike Knudson; Iowa City – Mayor Bruce Teague and Councilors Megan Alter, Laura Bergus, Shawn Harmsen, Pauline Taylor; Johnson County Supervisors Rod Sullivan, V Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass and Royceann Porter; Iowa City Community School District Board members Lisa Williams, Maka Pilcher Hayek, Ruthina Malone, Charlie Eastham, J.P. Claussen and Molly Abraham; and University Heights Councilor Stepheny Gahn.

Others present: Matt Degner, Tracey Mulcahey, Kellie Freuhling, Nick Bergus, Cady Gerlach, Kelly Hayworth, Ryan Heiar, Doug Boldt, Geoff Fruin, Mary Mascher, and other interested parties.

Discussion regarding Local Option Sales Tax (LOST), funding four-year old preschool and other initiatives (ICCS)

Lisa Williams, Board member, and Matt Degner, Superintendent, from the Iowa City Community School District presented on Cities and the County seeking a vote on LOST with 10% of revenues received being granted to ICCSD for enhanced 4-year-old preschool. Each entity would fund services for children in the program from their jurisdiction. The funds would be used for the costs not covered by State funding. For this item to be on the ballot and have an educational campaign, jurisdictions should have their decision and revenue purpose statements finalized by April. A group of representatives from each entity will be appointed to work on the educational campaign.

Update on Transit Studies (North Liberty)

North Liberty Councilor Ere Sittig reported that the MPOJC is moving ahead with RFPs for transit study services. He encouraged all entities to stay in touch with the MPOJC regarding roles in the studies.

General entity updates

No updates were offered.

Next meeting date, time, and host

The next meeting will be hosted by University Heights on April 17, 2023.

Other Business

Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter offered information on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day march starting at 9:30 a.m. from Eastdale Plaza to Mercer Park. After the march, there will be activities, programs, and lunch at Mercer Park Gym. She encouraged all to join and bring families.

Adjournment

At 5:50 p.m., Mayor Hoffman adjourned the meeting.

Signed,

Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk