Members Present: Mayor Dean O’Connor, Altoona
Council Member Eric Johnson, Clive
Council Member John Edwards, Clive
Mayor Drew Merrifield, Carlisle
Council Member Curt Gause, Pleasant Hill
Council Member Robert Sarchet, Polk City
Supervisor Matt McCoy, Polk County
Mayor Bob Andewig, Urbandale
Council Member David Russell, Urbandale
Council Member Matt McKinney, West Des Moines
Mayor Dave Burgess, Windsor Heights

Staff Present: Alex Hassel, Policy Liaison, City of Des Moines
              Jeff Lester, Des Moines City Attorney

Guests Present: Melissa O’Neil, Central Iowa Shelter and Services
                Andrea Woodard, Greater Des Moines Partnership
                Ryan Moon, Greater Des Moines Partnership
                Linda Krypal, Drake University
                Teresa Bomhoff, NAMI
                Rhonda Martin, Johnston City Council
                Angie Arthur, Polk County Continuum of Care
                Art Witmack, Taxpayers Association of Iowa

Approval of the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes were moved for approval by David Russell, seconded by Drew Merrifield. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Bob Andewig gave the following proposed slate for the MAC executive committee:
Executive Committee: Andeweg, Burgess, Cownie, Sarchet, Johnson, and McCoy.
Chair: Edwards
Vice Chair: Cope
East Side Representative: Gause

Approval of proposed slate for the MAC executive committee was moved for approval by Merrifield, seconded by Burgess. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**Children’s Mental Health Crisis Services Task Force – Linda Krypel, Drake University and Teresa Baumhoff, NAMI**

Linda Krypel, co-chair of the Children’s Mental Health Crisis Services Implementation Task Force, presented on the attached PowerPoint.

O’Connor: Learned in a meeting with the police chief, we have had three suicides in the past few months in Altoona. Our police aren’t sure why there’s a spike/

Krypel: After the holidays is a common time for this type of things. This is not just a Des Moines low income issue, it’s across Iowa. Farmers are some of the highest numbers of suicides in Iowa. The legislature is not going to fund this significantly.

Johnson: One of our legislative priorities is supporting increased MH funding for adult and children’s mental health.

Krypel: With the proposed sales tax funding for mental health, we will not allow them to cut adult services for children’s

Baumhoff: There is help for communities and citizens, in front of you are documents from NAMI Greater Des Moines and they offer classes for businesses and offer over 27 classes for citizens or non-profit groups.

**MAC Priorities – Updates from Working Groups**

*Legislative Working Group – Tom Cope, Eric Johnson, Matt McCoy, Dean O’Conner, Bob Andeweg, Russ Trimble*

The next MAC meeting is at the Capitol with legislators.
Edwards: You mentioned mental health. Eric, the government has made some commitments but not funding.

Johnson: We met in December and put together with the League of Cities draft ideas that MAC could be supportive of. Attached are the priorities.

Edwards: The next two meetings are at the Capitol in room 19. We need to encourage our legislators to attend. The dates are February 11th and the second Tuesday in March.

Johnson: Are there any disagreement to these issues? Any we forgot?

McCoy: With my experience as a legislator, if you call your legislator, they will come. If you don’t call, there’s probably 2-3 breakfasts going on up there. It is important to call your individual legislator that you want to be there.

Sarchet: It’s good to have folks there. In the past, a few just there to listen. If we can have some of those conversations to prepare for two-way conversations to hear from their perspective.

Edwards: Should we send the list of priorities to them in advance?

Johnson: I think we’ve done that in the past, but we’ve narrowed down to a smaller list.

Stormwater Mitigation Strategies – Bob Andeweg, Dave Burgess

Andeweg: We’re looking to wrap this up in the next month. The Capitol Crossroads group is working, and then we can roll out some ideas to the region after that.

Airbnbs/Rental Property Regulations – Curt Gause

The next update will be after Des Moines reviews possible modifications in its ordinance.

Gause: To back up to those new, we’ve been working on a model ordinance for the whole metro, using Des Moines as the model. Des Moines added a new restrictive ordinance last fall and has since had several public meetings with the residents. Des Moines has changed the ordinance allowing the owner to not have to be at the residence when its being rented. It has to go through board of adjustment so it’s registered. They aren’t actively enforcing regulations but need the ordinance as a back stop. Des Moines is pushing though these changes quickly and will probably hear them on the February 10 council meeting. Airbnb owners were pleased with changes. I have a couple issues that this ordinance, some people contact me fearful of a stranger next door, so this will have to play out to soothe that fear.
Lester: That’s accurate, the feedback has been largely from the industry rather than citizens. And citizen feedback has been about party houses and the really bad experiences. There is some concern about nonconforming uses, but we’re reminding people that they were illegal before so they were not a nonconforming use. Most of the opposition fell away because we’ve been aggressive with the bad operators.

Lester: It’s really important to get that language correct about any caps because the legislature put a limit on home rule on limiting rental properties, but we think there’s an opportunity for short term rental caps.

Edwards: Is there a timeline for a revised ordinance?

Gause: The April meeting should have the revised ordinance.

**Roundtable Discussions**

O’Neil: We’re in the middle of real estate feasibility study. Email to be part of the focus group going out. Homelessness on the rise and your input is important to our board.

Edwards: Do you have an update on the proposal?

O’Neil: There are two different projects. With our national housing trust fund application, we received award in August and another million to build 26 apartments. We’re now going back and forth between studio and one-bedrooms to provide more dignity to residents. The real estate study is looking at the 9 acres around building. Some of it is undeveloped land, DSM owns 2 pieces of that property, and DMARC selling their property. We’re trying to figure out how we best use that property to end homelessness. Des Moines does not have affordable housing to go to and so emergency shelters are often the resort people go to. As a community, how can we fix this issue? The Governor in MN just proposed over $16m of housing projects in Minneapolis. We expect Denver and Minneapolis to have an increase in the type of housing DSM needs.

**Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27am

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**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:30 a.m.

*State Capitol Room 19*