

College District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 4.2.2026

Present: Kevin Platz, Karla Sibert, Barb Tupper, Phil Wasta

1. Approve 2.5.26 and 3.5.26 Meeting Minutes- Motion by Tupper, 2nd by Platz, approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - Checking- 7,821
 - Savings- 5,120
 - District Dollars- 0
 - Certificate of Deposit- 5,723
 - Platz has closed the District Dollars account and rolled the money into the checking account.
 - Platz reviewed the 2026 Membership renewals. Group discussed and assigned follow-up for past members: Johnny Boy's, Manny's Roofing, Cabinet Studios (PW); Café Allez (ES); Coe College (BT); CRBT (OB).
 - Other Businesses to Recruit- Hornbill Asian Market (OB), Men's Room (KP), Capn's Chicken & Seafood (PW), New Dentist on 1st Ave (KP), 4 Hermanos (PW), Starbucks (PW), Toy Lair (PW).
3. CRPD Update- Lt. Omar provided the following insights by email:

Quick summary:

1st chart: Crime in the College District continues to trend down. Drug arrests and theft arrests are down. Burglaries are up compared to last year but reasonable compared to previous years. Criminal Mischief (Destruction) is up.

2nd chart: No significant variances in any one category or overall.

Shots Fired (city wide): 2026 YTD is 3. Last year YTD was 9. Five year average YTD is 23. This year number is looking really good. Hopefully, we can sustain it.

Part I Property Crime (city wide): There is a lot of green in this chart, and green is good. Burglaries are up from last year, but still down compared to the five year average.

Crimes Against Person (city wide): Sex Abuse on Minors is up. There are no established trends there that we are seeing. Typically, the victim and offender are known to one another in this type of crime.

Crimes Against Property (city wide): Ugly...lot of red. Last month, we talked about Fraudulent Practice, which are the e-mail/text message scams. Continue to educate your friends and loved ones. Fraudulent use of credit card is up. Guard your credit/debit card information closely. Trespassing is up (many of these have to do with our unhoused folks).

Overall, the charts aren't much different than last month and the overall crime numbers in the College District continue to be down from previous years.

Lt. Omar will be out for three months. In her absence, our contact at CRPD is Lt. Matt Welsh. He can be reached at m.welsh@cedar-rapids.org
4. Social Media Promotion Update- Brianna reported that she posted for Raging Ryno's, Dairy Queen opening, Mound View Neighborhood Association meeting, Mount Mercy Servant Leadership Event, and 4 Hermanos.
5. Finalize Program and Location for 5.14.26 Large Group Meeting- The location will be Cedar Rapids Association of Realtors conference room. The group discussed several program ideas and settled on an update on the 1st Avenue East Redevelopment Plan by Noah Zeker. Wasta will follow-up and report back.
6. Other Business
 - The 2026 Presidents' Reception will be on Wednesday, August 26th at 5:00 PM. It will be hosted by Mount Mercy University.
7. Adjourn

Next Board meeting: Thursday, May 7th @ First Ave Executive Suites 1233 1st Ave SE

Phil Wasta

College District President