

College District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 10.2.2025

Present: Olivia Brown, Karla Sibert, Emily Stochl, Barb Tupper, Phil Wasta

1. Approve 9.4.25 Meeting Minutes- Motion by Sibert, 2nd by Stochl, approved unanimously.
2. Open Position on BOD- Brown is now employed by Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust and they are supportive of her continuing her involvement on our BOD. With this, there is no open position.
3. Treasurer's Report by Wasta-
 - Checking- 9,671
 - Savings- 5,118
 - District Dollars- 50
 - Certificate of Deposit- 5,595

The decrease in checking is due to initial payment of \$4,394. to CR Signs for CeMar Trail directory signs.
4. CRPD Update by Wasta- Lt. Omar provided the following updates to be shared with the group in her absence:
 - Specific to the College District, the overall drop in crime stats compared to last year is much to do with the drop in theft (likely related to the Hyvee closure).
 - Comparing August to September, the primary difference is an increase in drug/narcotic related arrests.
 - Citywide 2025 shots fired in 30. It was 36 YTD in 2024. The 5 year average YTD is 83.
 - The rest of the charts have the same differentials as I have been saying for the past several months....theft from building, harassment, trespass, fraud.
 - 7 recruits will graduate the Police academy on Friday. A previously certified officer also starting in September. He passed his refresher training, so he and the seven newly graduated recruits will be going on patrol with Field Training Officers. An additional three certified officers started in May and will soon clear their field training officer process and will begin their solo training process.
 - Applications will open up later this Fall for the next academy class
 - Lt. McGarvey's last official day with the police department is Friday. He has started a new job with the Xavier Catholic School District.
5. Social Media Promotion Update from Briana- In September there were posts for Iowa Eye, Mound View Neighborhood Association, and Moco Hot Dog Bar.
6. Update on CeMar Trail Directional Signage- Final artwork is in and signage locations are to receive final approval by Coe and Mt. Mercy. Installation is planned for the week of 10/20-24.
7. Discuss Possible Topics and Locations for 11.13.25 Large Group Meeting- Wasta let the group know that Spencer Cleppe at CCCU has offered their lower level training room, so the meeting will be held there. We will present photos of the new CeMar trail directories as one of our 2025 accomplishments. Since this will be our last Large Group Meeting for 2025, we will use some time for 2026 planning. Some ideas discussed were a 'Sign To Sign' walk or bike ride in May, and something to highlight the historical aspect of the area. Wasta will ask Noah Zeker with the City if he can provide an update on the 1st Avenue East Micro-Area Action Plan.
8. Other Business
 - Sibert mentioned that she is considering placing her DQ on the Historical Registry in recognition of its long-time presence in the neighborhood.
9. Adjourn

Next Board meeting: Thursday, November 6th @ First Ave Executive Suites 1233 1st Ave SE

Phil Wasta

College District President