



MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2024

MINUTES

Present:

Erica Austin*, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, President
Tessica Dooley*, Commissioner
Aaron Gurnsey*, Vice President
Joe Hurwitz*, Secretary

Jack Mazzotti*, Commissioner
Brian McFadden*, Commissioner
John Stremsterfer, Commissioner
Brian Zilm*, Commissioner

Staff Support: Abby Powell, Ramona Metzger

Absent:

Other Guests: Chris McDowell (Advisory Council); Geoff Isringhausen (Advisory Council); Carlos Ortega (DSI); Dr Jerry Kruse (SIU School of Medicine); Dean Olsen (Illinois Times); Mike Disco (City of Springfield)

*denotes attendance by zoom

1. Call to order and roll call

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above. President CROKE introduced new members of the Advisory Council Chris McDowell and Geoff Isringhausen, appointed by the Mayor Buscher.

2. Minutes of the August 29, 2024 Commission meeting

On a motion by Commissioner ZILM seconded by Commissioner STREMSTERFER, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the August 29, 2024 meeting.

3. Financial Report

Treasurer Metzger reported \$236.53 balance through the end of August 2024. NO change.
GURNSEY moved, Hurwitz 2nd Unanimous

4. Stakeholder Updates:

- Dr Jerry Kruse: SIU School of Medicine is focused on planning for the expansion of facilities and space. There has been a significant increase in student enrollment and increase in faculty and health care professionals. Twenty-seven percent of the last cohort of graduates are staying with SIU.



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- Carlos Ortega (DSI) -Thanks the City for moving the downtown and medical district master plan forward.
- Brian Zilm (Representative Budzinski) – Celebrates the designation of 1908 Race Riot.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Old Business

- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District – The City has distributed notice for two public meetings later this month. The first meeting is an open house on October 24; the following morning at Citizen’s Club, 8am at the Hoogland. CROKE noted that the advisory council is instrumental in the Commission’s adoption of the plan.
- 708 Board Resolution – At the August 29th Commission meeting, the Commission adopted a resolution for the support of a 708 Mental Health Board for Sangamon County. The resolution was presented to the Sangamon County Board and to the Massey Commission.

7. New business

- Outreach to Developers – Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance has been reaching out to developers regarding housing development. HURWITZ notes that there is a clear demand for housing, especially among our student population, and identified some of the challenges with property acquisition and labor and construction costs. GURNSEY agrees that land acquisition is a major factor in residential development in the medical district.
- President CROKE shared with the Commission that *Waitress* (the musical) is opening tomorrow night at The Legacy, October 11 and will run through October 27. CROKE, importantly, does not play the role of villain.

8. Adjourn

On a motion from Commissioner STREMFER, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary