



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission  
4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 2, 2024

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Ryan Croke, President

Tessica Dooley\*, Commissioner

Joe Hurwitz, Secretary

Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner

Brian McFadden\*, Commissioner

John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

Brian Zilm, Commissioner

**Staff Support:** Abby Powell,

**Absent:** Aaron Gurnsey; Erica Austin; Ramona Metzger

**Other Guests:** Mayor Misty Buscher (City of Springfield); Val Yazell (City of Springfield); Carlos Ortega (DSI); Robert Ellison (Memorial Health); Mike Disco (City of Springfield); Matt Fry (HSHS); Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park); Steve Welch (Representative Scherer)

\*denotes attendance by zoom

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### **1. Call to order and roll call**

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

### **2. Minutes of the October 10, 2024 Commission meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner HURWITZ seconded by Commissioner STREMSTERFER, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting.

### **3. Financial Report**

Treasurer Metzger was unable to join the meeting; the financial report is tabled until the next regular meeting.

### **4. Stakeholder Updates:**

- Robert Ellison (Memorial Health): MIMD is always welcome at the MLC.
- Carlos Ortega (DSI): Pleased to see Memorial Health's support of the Holiday Walks and St John's support of the farmer's market.
- Misty Buscher (City of Springfield): Shared that OPED Director Val Yazell announced her retirement. Thanks to Memorial and HSHS for being good community partners, specifically HSHS's donation of the property for the 1908 Race Riot, which is on the border of downtown and the medical district.



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- Brian Zilm (Congresswoman Budzinski): In January and February the federal government will issue guidance on community funding requests. Budzinski's office will share the guidance when it becomes available.
- Ryan Croke (State of IL): The Budget Office is working to prepare budgets in February 2025. This is expected to be a challenging budget year.

## 5. Public Comment: None

## 6. Old Business

- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District

Discussion: Mayor Buscher asks how the comments will be available to view to the public. CROKE notes that comments from the public hearing will be available on the Mid-Illinois Medical District website. Other comments received during the open house on October 24<sup>th</sup> will be incorporated into the draft or recorded on the Master Plan website, [www.springfieldmasterplan.com](http://www.springfieldmasterplan.com). OPED Director Yazell notes that the comments will be posted as an addendum. The lead consultant team from Houseal-Lavigne is scheduled to present the plan at City Council on December 3, 2024.

CROKE moves that the MIMD Commission recommend that the City Council review and approve the most recent version of the Master Plan for Downtown and the Medical District. Commissioner ZILM provided a second, with unanimous support from the Commission.

CROKE moves that the MIMD Commission approve the Master Plan for Downtown and ZILM provides a second. Unanimous approval.

- Massey Commission made a recommendation in support of a 708 Board to the Sangamon County Board.

## 7. New business

## 8. Adjourn

On a motion from Commissioner STREMFER, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary