



## Meeting Minutes

SDNA Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Tuesday January 25, 2022 @ 6pm - 7:30pm

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- **Introductions**--Angie Jordan, Eric Harris, Autumn McConeghey, Donna Hirst, Tim Crosby, Robert Oppliger, Jessica Bovey, Danielle Rodriguez, Mia Dean, V Fixmeroraiz, LaTasha DeLoach, Nicole Ambrose, Giselle Bruskevitz, Nick and Laura Bergus, Taylor Caton, Erin Sullivan, Barbara Anderson, Emily Edrington, Tammy Fraser, Susan Enzle, Brandon Johnson, Christine Beachy, Carrie Hough, Eric Nurnberg, Abdellatif Idris, Kelcey Patrick-Ferree, Brad Parker, Daisy Torres, Mary Mascher
- **Old Business**
  - **\*Approve** October Meeting Minutes
    - Motion: Robert Oppliger, Second: Eric Harris, Approved
  - Treasurer Officer position--**Vacant**
    - Must be a South District Resident and will then be on the Leadership Committee (meets every other month, 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm-7:30pm)
- **New Business**
  - **Updates:**
    - South District SSMID Petition Approved (Elinor)
      1. SSMID approved 3 times by IC City council
      2. Next step: create Board of Directors who will be in charge of SSMID details
      3. If you or someone you know want to be on the board, contact SDNA
        - Businesses, Property owners, residents are all welcome
    - Taxes pro bono--John McNarama from Stuart and Carmen (Kelcey)
      1. Form 9-90, we have support from Stewart Kirman, John MacMara
    - Neighborhood Calendar & T-shirt Fundraiser (Tim)
      1. Communication Committee:
        - Check the Neighborhood calendar on our website [HERE](#). Neighborhood members, partnering organizations and allies can submit events to calendar for approval
        - SDNA Store on the website is in the works. Be on the lookout.
        - Various T-shirts available for sale as a fundraiser. For sale/donation; goals of fundraiser is to promote our neighborhood art and also raise unrestricted funds for our association to use when needed (less grant writing and capital campaigns)
        - If you have ideas for what we want on our website, contact Tim Crosby--[tim@crosbyworks.com](mailto:tim@crosbyworks.com)
    - SDNA Arts Committee (Jessica)
      1. Looking for a President for the Committee. If you're interested, contact Jessica--[jesbovey@gmail.com](mailto:jesbovey@gmail.com) or Elinor--[Elinorlevin47@gmail.com](mailto:Elinorlevin47@gmail.com)
      2. Applying for a City Grant for art installation! Your ideas as residents are needed! Brief survey [HERE](#). This feedback is crucial to the grant application.
    - SDNA Event Committee to be restarted to begin coordinating (Angie):

1. 6th Annual Team up to Clean Up (spring–tentatively, Sunday 4/30)
  2. Youth Job & Career Fair (spring–tentatively April)
  3. Neighborhood Monthly Bike Rides & Education (spring/summer/fall)
    - 3rd Thursday of Month May-September
    - Let Rob Oppliger know if you would like to be a ride leader
    - IC is officially a Silver level bike-friendly community! To go for Gold, we need a Bike Advisory Committee that can meet regularly.
    - Would like to see 5-6 people trained to become biking teachers. If you're interested, contact Bob–[Boboppliger@gmail.com](mailto:Boboppliger@gmail.com)  
Only requirement: know how to ride a bike. We'll train you in everything else!
  4. Diversity Markets (spring/summer–tentatively, Saturdays 5/28-7/30)
    - This year, would like to be in Pepperwood Plaza
    - If you have a business (we are particularly highlighting those led by women and BIPOC) you want to be involved with the market contact Angie–[banjoknits@gmail.com](mailto:banjoknits@gmail.com)
  5. National Night Out (summer–Tuesday 8/2/22)
  6. Dia de los Muertos (fall–TBD)
  7. Harvest Feast (fall–tentatively, Friday 11/18/22)
- **Guest Speakers**
    - Brad Barker, Superintendent of [Iowa City Recreation Dept.](http://iowa-city.org), [Brad-Barker@iowa-city.org](mailto:Brad-Barker@iowa-city.org)
      1. **Comprehensive Recreation Master-Plan** project
        - Residents: please take our survey [HERE](#), and share your voice about what you want to see in our community!
        - Hopeful to be releasing our Master Plan this summer after we gather more data/hear more from residents
      2. **Root For Trees** discount program [HERE](#): Iowa City residents have the opportunity to apply for and receive a voucher that permits them 50% off the cost of a tree. The resident would plant this tree in their own yard. There is a 90% off voucher for those that qualify based on their income. Vouchers can be redeemed at either Earl May or Iowa City Landscaping and Garden Center. Vouchers are able to be redeemed until May 15, 2022.
      3. **RecAssist** The Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department's RecAssist Program helps support Iowa City residents by subsidizing recreational programs and opportunities. If eligible, RecAssist will reduce participant fees by 50% for most recreational programs, swim punch cards and passes, and 100% subsidy for swim lessons. This application must be completed once per calendar year. The discount is valid through December 31 of the year completed info [HERE](#)
      4. Splash pad efficiency updates coming this summer!
      5. Neighborhood tree planting project will be in the SD again this summer

6. Want to bring more recreation opportunities to neighborhoods (Rec N'Roll, Children's Museum pop-ups, etc.)
  7. SDNA can be helpful by promoting our events and activities so residents can get involved
  8. *Resident question:* Any chance of doing focus groups with teenagers in the community? Would love to hear the young people's input on what they want to see.
    - *Answer:* Advisory Board with teenagers is in the works! Also finding that preteens have a need for structured programming in the Rec Centers.
- LaTasha DeLoach, Director of [Senior Center](#), [LaTasha-DeLoach@iowa-city.org](mailto:LaTasha-DeLoach@iowa-city.org)
    1. Main goal: end social isolation, enhance quality of life for those 50 years and older
    2. Lifelong Learning: Offer variety of classes for seniors (many currently online)
    3. Self-serve donation pantry
    4. IC resident membership: \$40/year (classes and many resources are free)
    5. Program guide translated to Spanish and Arabic, access available on website
  - Emily Edrington, [Senior Center](#), [Emily-Edrington@iowa-city.org](mailto:Emily-Edrington@iowa-city.org)
    1. SHIP Program (senior help insurance program) provides free medicare counseling
      - Volunteer opportunities! Contact us if interested: 356-5220
    2. Free Tax Help
      - Scheduling begins Feb 1st
    3. If anyone is interested in helping lead programs/help translate programs into other needed languages, contact us!
- **Community Announcements & Open Discussion:**
    - Elinor Levin: League of Women Voters legislative forums Feb 26th (environment) and March 26th (diversity, equity, inclusion); More info on their Facebook page [HERE](#)
    - City Council listening post Jan 31st 6pm via Zoom
      - Register using link [HERE](#)
    - Laura Burgess: budget needs to be submitted in March
    - Donna Hirst: Johnson County Dessert party at Kingdom Center in October
      - Would like input on times SDNA residents can attend.
    - V: inclusive economic development plan
      - Will be putting out focus groups/surveys. Please be on the lookout for those and share your voice!
    - For queer youth in the neighborhood: [United Action for Youth](#) have registrations open for their upcoming youth conferences.
    - Great Iowa Americorp: Free energy home audits
      - Trash pick-up, cycling, educational events, etc.

- Carrie Hough: Opioid/overdose response trainings available. Contact Carrie via email [chough@preludeiowa.org](mailto:chough@preludeiowa.org)
- Eric Harris (Fatherhood coordinator at [Dream City](#)): Fathers in our community in need of help, contact Eric [eharris@dreamcityia.org](mailto:eharris@dreamcityia.org)
- Eric Nurnberg (Fire department): Spring recruitment. If you know someone who is interested in volunteering/getting Firefighter training, contact us [eric-nurnberg@iowa-city.org](mailto:eric-nurnberg@iowa-city.org)

**REMINDER:** Next Neighborhood Meeting is **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 6pm via Zoom**. **Guest:** Kelly Schneider, Johnson County Mobility Coordinator who is leading a team that has been working to address transportation barriers to employment for Johnson County residents. Agenda and registration link will be sent out a before meeting, or visit our SDNA website Neighborhood Calendar–<https://southdistrictneighborhood.org/>

**RESIDENTS:** Please invite a friend/fellow neighborhood to the next Neighborhood Meeting, and if you have requests for future guest speakers or agenda topics please email [southdistrictneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:southdistrictneighborhood@gmail.com)

**\*Adjournment 7:46pm**