

# RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 18, 2014, 1:30 PM

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**Attendance:** (BOLD indicates presence)

**RCRV Board Members:**

**T. Lamb, D. Knuth, C. Wehage, J. McDonough, J. Green, J. Klein, T. Brennom, B. Clark, B. Ellis, D. Grimm, E. Holstrom, V. Jackson, C. Koop, D. Lenth, A. Meyer, J. Murphy, K. Nelson, R. Pierce, B. Ocken, F. Spading, J. Spencer, K. Sutherland, J. Vacherlon, J. Wauer, J. Wells, M. Wilson, J. Wirth**

**Community Service Agency Members:**

Kathy Horan	Aging Services
<b>Kathy Waychoff</b>	<b>College Community Schools</b>
Meghan Schneekloth	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
Tracey Robertson	Heritage Agency on Aging
<b>Jessica Link</b>	<b>Cedar Rapids Public Library</b>
<b>Wayne Clayton</b>	<b>Options of Linn County</b>
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
Melissa Hall	Red Cross
Laura Nass	Horizons
Kayla Paulson	RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)
Kristen Weaverling	Salvation Army
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
Jessie Diesing	SPANDA
<b>Carole Dzingle</b>	<b>United Way</b>
Hilery Livengood	United Way
Leslie Wright	United Way
<b>Angie Ehle</b>	<b>WRAP</b>
Karla Terry	Linn Mar Schools

**Rockwell Collins:**

**Melanie Richert**

**Senior Community Relations Specialist**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Terry Lamb presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There are 20 board and agency members present.

**MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes from the May board meeting was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**PRESENTATION:** Ron Griffith, Cedar Rapids Traffic Engineering Division. Ron discussed a list he was given by John McDonough. Ron brought a detailed set of plans for a new traffic control installation at the corner of 29<sup>th</sup> St NE and Oakland Rd NE including wiring diagrams for people to see what is involved.

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Ron talked about how signals are controlled and coordinated in the city. He also described how different types of sensors work in the road. Ron mentioned that the city is in the process of changing from twisted pair wiring to fiber optics for signal control. In 2001, the city changed from a main frame controller to a PC based control system. The current system permits adjustment of signal timing from a central control point for approximately 2/3 of the city at this time.

The city controls all signals within the city limits regardless of route designation. Timing of lights is controlled by queuing software. Timing is a very complex issue to manage.

Sensor loops have built in safety features that default to an assumption that a vehicle is present to prevent accidents.

Collins Rd and I-380 intersection will receive detectors after paving currently in progress is completed. Currently, the intersections are timed and have no traffic detectors.

Speaking about detectors, Ron discussed the different types used: magnetic; wireless magnetic; visible light camera; IR camera; and radar.

Ron mentioned that most downtown lights are timed and have no detection. He also discussed yellow and pedestrian light timing.

The city is looking at adaptive light technology that will adjust for traffic flow based on current real time conditions. He mentioned that the decision whether to have a signal as opposed to a stop sign is determined by, among other considerations, a system of warrants as defined by the Uniform Code of Traffic Control Manual. The cost of a typical signal installation is approximately \$200,000. The electronics in the systems are hardened for hot and cold temperature operation and require no special environmental conditioning.

Ron stated there are approximately 240 traffic control devices in the city.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A new Red Cross local office director has been named, Pami Erickson; Shanna (last name unknown), has been named Coordinator and will start in July.

## **PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:**

**WRAP:** Angela Ehle reported:

WRAP has completed 21 projects year to date, including:

- 10 wood ramp builds,
- 5 wood ramp removals,
- 2 aluminum ramp installs
- 3 aluminum ramp removals
- 1 ramp repair

There are currently 10 jobs in queue, and expecting to grow to 12. Four have designers assigned. One aluminum ramp was stolen and sold for scrap value. Aluminum ramps are temporary ramps and are owned by WRAP.

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## **RSVP Agency Report:** Carole Dzingle

RSVP had a great feature in the Gazette that resulted in some inquiries.

They have a new partnership with Hiawatha Elementary Schools for English language study buddies, which is an after school program, and with the construction trades learning center at Kirkwood on Boyson Rd. Volunteer opportunities will be finalized soon.

**College Community Schools:** Kathy Wayhoff expressed thanks for help with governor's award. The event went smoothly. Principal from Prairie Point talked about the greenhouse at the Thursday meeting and they are relying on volunteer help to complete the greenhouse construction in July.

**Options of Linn County:** No report at this time.

**Cedar Rapids Public Library:** Jessica Link reported that the summer reading program is extra busy with the opening of the new library. Summer reading registration has utilized 179 hours of volunteer time already.

Jessica reported the library has hired a new director, Dara Schmidt. Dara comes from Anythink Library in Colorado that looks at libraries as an experience and not a book warehouse.

The library has started a Roof Top Science program each Wednesday during the summer. Also, the library has received platinum certification for the building environmental system.

## **RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Community Projects:** John McDonough reported:

- Received a request to repair a wheel chair swing. Work was completed.
- They are building a wheel chair accessible planter for New Horizons.
- Provided volunteer support for Kirkwood Financial Literacy Fair at the Hiawatha Learning Center.
- Building 4 new frying pan covers for HACAP.
- Built and delivered 200 astronaut boards for Witwer Children's Center.
- Next newsletter is complete and ready for folding.

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- 7 volunteers helped at the Governor' Awards ceremony. Following the ceremony, 85 volunteers attended the appreciation dinner.

Terry Lamb interjected that we have received an inquiry from the Spinal Injury Association concerning our adaptive toys.

**Database:** Jim Klein reported the data base has been updated for obituaries (currently monitored by Jim Green's wife.)

We have received a new retiree list from Rockwell Collins and the data base has been updated for the retirees.

**RCI:** Melanie Richert asked who has "liked" the Rockwell Collins Facebook page and who has followed Rockwell Collins on Twitter.

Melanie reported that she and Adrianna from her area at R-C are attending the Global Innovation Conference. They will be networking with other teams and organizations. Lego League team from Williamsburg is making a presentation to the US Patent and trademark Office concerning their project.

Melanie will be travelling to ARINC, R-C's newly acquired business, in Maryland to do a community assessment and to meet with community organizations and to get acquainted with their work culture for future volunteer opportunities there.

**Membership and Retention:** Carole Dzingle reported stats for May 2014

- 59 members reported hours (increase of 16)
- 1555.3 hours

## **Top 5 Agencies supported by RCRV Volunteers in May**

<b><u>Agency Name</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>
RCRV	929
WRAP	165
Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity	98
Marion Food Pantry	94
Unity Point – St Luke's	63

## **Stats for Year to Date 2014**

- 231 active volunteers
- 3 new volunteers
- 3 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
- 133 members have reported hours

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- 10,371 hours

## Top 5 Agencies supported by RCRV Volunteers in 2014

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
RCRV	449
Unity Point Health - St. Luke's	168
REACT Center	113
Jones County RSVP	386
Marion Food Pantry	381

Terry Lamb stated that there was a plan to have a meeting in conjunction with an R-C museum tour. Melanie stated it was a go. Decision was made to hold the August meeting at R-C building 120.

Carole Dzingle reported for Hillary Livengood that United Way has an August 3<sup>rd</sup> event planned at Bruce more to celebrate the UW centennial. Also that on October 17<sup>th</sup> they were hosting the Timberwolves at the 5 Seasons Center for a fund raising event. And that the summer meals program had kicked off last Monday at 24 sites.

## ADJOURNMENT:

President Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:44. The next board meeting will be 1:30 PM August 20th, location Rockwell Collins building 120 south entrance.

Submitted by: R. Pierce