



**City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**August 19, 2024 - 5:30 PM**  
**City Hall, Lower Level Basement**  
**1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Ametra Carrol-Castaneda Christine Adamson Frank Roe Jr. Hershel Jackson Jen Osing Jeremy Crafton  
K.J. Whitley Richinda Sakho Tom Tarnow

**3. Public Comment**

**4. Minutes**

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2024.

Motion: Move to approve the Meeting Minutes from 6-17-2024.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

**5. Old Business**

**6. Other Business/New Business**

a. 2024 Community Caring Conference Action Plan

Motion: Move to approve the 2024 Community Caring Action Plan.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

**7. Adjourn**

The next meeting is September 16th, 2024 at 5:30pm.

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## **Rock Island Community Development Minutes**

City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL

June 17, 2024

5:30 PM



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| <b>Voting Members Present</b> | Ametra Carrol-Castaneda<br>Christine Adamson<br>Hershel Jackson<br>Jeremy Crafton<br>K.J. Whitley<br>Richinda Sakho |
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| <b>Voting Members Absent</b> | Frank Roe Jr.<br>Jen Osing<br>Tom Tarnow |
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| <b>Staff Present</b> | Nichole Mata |
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### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM and took the roll.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

### **Minutes**

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2024. Crafton made the motion and Carrol-Castaneda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote 6-0.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

**Other Business/New Business**

Mata discussed changes and updates to the CIRLF Policies and Procedures. Crafton and Adamson asked questions and Mata answered those questions. Crafton had some ideas that he brought to the table for discussion. Sakho and Jackson also asked questions and Mata answered.

The CDC made the recommendation to have the CIRLF fund automatically replenished anytime it goes under \$100,000.00, funding would automatically be added to the next Annual Action Plan to use funding to replenish it. The CDC also recommended a minimum loan amount of \$35,000.00 per loan. The CDC also asked for clarification on what type of business is eligible to apply. The traditional business type of brick and mortar are eligible.

**Adjournment**

Whitley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. Adamson made a motion and Carrol-Castaneda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6-0.

## Memorandum



**To:** Rock Island City Council  
**From:** Nichole Mata  
**Subject:** 2024 Community Caring Conference Action Plan  
Motion: Move to approve the 2024 Community Caring Action Plan.  
RC Roll Call vote is needed.  
**Date:** August 19, 2024

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### **Introduction and Background Information:**

As part of an annual funding agreement, the Community Caring Conference (CCC) develops a yearly action plan with input from the Community Development Commission (CDC) for neighborhood development activities in the City. Staff worked with the CCC on developing the plan and now wish for the CDC to provide feedback on it. The following activities are included in the plan.

- Organize and maintain at least 12 block clubs throughout the City.
- Host three large community-wide events.
- Sponsor two other community events
- Promote and participate in the Group violence Initiative.

The proposed 2024 Action Plan is attached to this memorandum for the first quarter. The funding for the plan is \$10,000 as allocated by the agreement that was approved by the City Council.

Starting in 2025, staff responsibilities for the CCC will transition from the Community Development Department to the Police Department. This was decided on because of the organization's focus on neighborhood safety, which more closely aligns with police activities. As part of that, the CCC will no longer present an action plan to the CDC in the future.

### **Previous Council Action (if any):**

### **Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information as applicable (i.e. provide alternative options, community or staff input, staffing impact; resident impact; etc.):**

### **Council Goal (if applicable):**

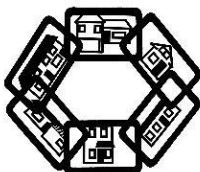
**Recommendation:**

The Community Development Department recommends that the Community Development Commission approve the 2024 Community Caring Conference Action Plan subject to any suggested revisions.

Submitted by: Nichole Mata

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Approved by:



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## **Rock Island Community Caring Conference Annual Plan 2024**

A summary of programs and activities to build relationships and seek community engagement for a stronger and more beautiful city of Rock Island:

- Organize and maintain at least 12 block clubs throughout the city
- Host three large community-wide events
- Sponsor two other community events
- Promote and participate in the Group Violence Initiative

### **Block Clubs**

Timeline:

Q1: Due to the colder weather, this is a stage of planning and phone call communications with neighbors to keep good lines of communication. Also, a time to stay engaged with each other and on top of any issues that may need to be addressed. Attending meetings and activities in the community also provides an opportunity to meet new potential neighborhood leaders.

Q2: Time to form and organize meetings to build relationships, note concerns, and direct neighbors to resources provided by the city and other organizations. (As of June 15<sup>th</sup>, we currently have five newly formed block clubs and have organized two neighborhood clean-up days.)

Q3: Planning continues to maintain and promote growth of more block clubs. Board discussion on ways to encourage more community members to want to form neighborhood associations.

Q4: Continue to build block club numbers and develop a communication plan to bridge the winter months until nicer weather for outside activities.

Summary:

The goals of our block clubs will be to form neighborhood clean-ups to show pride in a cleaner, more beautiful city. Also, to address crime and other concerns to improve the quality of life within their neighborhoods. Block clubs build relationships and encourage citizens to be in the know, which ultimately forms a stronger Rock Island.

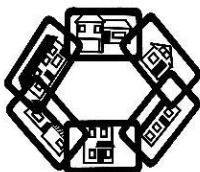
### **Large Community-Wide Events**

Timeline:

Q1: Board discussion on calendar of events

Q2: Placing our National Night Out event and Heroes Banquet on the calendar. Securing location and discussing logistics behind events. Organize a Block Part with food and games for the neighborhood and open to the community.

Q3: Hosting National Night Out and in continued planning of our annual Heroes Banquet



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Q4: Hosting a wonderful community party – Heroes Banquet – to recognize individuals who are pillars in our community, as well as departments and organizations who display outstanding work in support of our wonderful city.

**Summary:**

Hosting large community events allow the opportunity for city officials to meet community members to form trust in relationships, and for neighborhoods from different neighborhoods to meet each other. Our Heroes Banquet gives the opportunity to recognize exceptional work throughout the community.

**Sponsor Two Other Community Engagement Events:**

**Timeline:**

Q1: Board discussion on calendar of events

Q2: Discussing location and nature of events; seeking possible partners and volunteers.

Q3: Meeting with organizers of the Group Violence Intervention program, and coordinating with the Rock Island Police Department

Q3: Support the roll out of programs pertaining to crime reduction. Develop a strategic plan to form block clubs around and through areas addressed for Group Violence Intervention.

Q4: Carry out action with GVI to continue to strengthen neighborhoods and reduce crime

**Summary:**

The CCC will hold true to our mission statement, and while encouraging neighbors to communicate and build trust with one another, play our part in supporting crime reduction programs. Also, through the block clubs the longevity of any and all programs will be maintained.

**Expenses:**

The Community Caring Conference’s main expense item is wages for our part-time community organizer to provide program service delivery – doing the preparation and organizing work with residents and volunteers.

Other expenses are insurance, accounting services, printing, postage, and event-specific items related to neighborhood clean-up days, National Night Out, the Heroes Banquet and other community events.

Our expectation in regard to the \$10,000 in City of Rock Island funding in relation to our 2023 annual plan:

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| ● Block Clubs:                 | 40% of total costs | \$4,000  |
| ● Large Community-Wide Events: | 35% of total costs | \$3,500  |
| ● Three Other Community Events | 25% of total costs | \$2,500  |
|                                | Total:             | \$10,000 |