

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
AMES CITY COUNCIL AND HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**AMES, IOWA**

**OCTOBER 1, 2015**

The Ames City Council and Hospital Board of Trustees met in joint session at 12:03 p.m. on the 1st day of October, 2015, in Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) North Addition, Room A/B.

Attending from the Ames City Council were Mayor Ann Campbell and Council Members Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, and Chris Nelson. Council Members Matthew Goodman and Peter Orazem were absent. Steve Schainker, City Manager; Judy Parks, City Attorney; Susan Gwiasda, Public Relations Officer; Brian Phillips, Management Analyst; and Diane Voss, City Clerk, represented the City of Ames Administration.

Representing the Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees were Chairperson Sarah Buck and Trustees Louis Banitt, MD; Brad Heemstra; Mary Kitchell; and Ken McCuskey. Administrative staff from MGMC present were Brian Dieter, President and CEO; Vice-Presidents Gary Botine, Karen Kiel Rosser, Neal Loes, and Lynn Whisler; Steve Sullivan, Public Relations Officer; and Stephanie Bates, Executive Assistant.

Welcome and Introductions. Chairperson Buck and Mayor Campbell welcomed the City Council, Hospital Board of Trustees, and administrative staff members from both entities.

Master Facilities Update. Lynn Whisler presented an update on the \$130 million capital construction project. Phase I of the hospital addition/renovation was completed in April 2014. It included a new west tower, which provides larger patient rooms and bathrooms, specialty care rooms, oncology family suites, on-floor procedure rooms, and a 5<sup>th</sup>-Floor rooftop garden. There is also a larger gift shop and Burgie's Café. A time-lapse video showing the various stages of construction was shown. LEED Silver Certification is being sought for Phase I; it is anticipated that it will be received by January 2016. Phase II of the project will include a new main entrance and a skywalk that connects the second level of the parking garage to the second level of the hospital. The Emergency Department will be expanded and modernized on the southeast side of MGMC. The exterior of the existing building will be refaced to match the exterior of the new patient tower and vertical addition. Construction on Phase II began in April 2014 and is tentatively scheduled to be completed in Spring 2016.

Planning for the Mary Greeley Centennial (1916 - 2016). Brian Dieter gave a brief history of the gift of the hospital to the City by Captain Wallace Greeley. The theme of the Centennial is "Celebrating a Century of Providing Outstanding Healthcare Services to Central Iowans." There is an interactive time line on the hospital's website that highlights a century of services, facilities, staff, and philanthropy. The public will be invited to the Centennial celebration to be held on Sunday, August 7, 2016, in the Scheman Building Courtyard. Also on the Web site is a place for people to share their "Born at Mary Greeley" stories. They are hoping to set a Guinness World Record for the largest reunion of people born at the same hospital.

Mr. Dieter informed those present that stained glass windows had been found that had originally been in the 1915 mausoleum where Captain Greeley, Mary Greeley, and her parents are interred. The windows are being restored. New windows illustrated with stained glass design will be installed at the mausoleum.

Board and Council Comments. At the inquiry of Council Member Gartin, Mr. Dieter stated that MGMC has over 500 active volunteers.

Mayor Campbell asked how the relationship with Primary Health Care Clinic was working. Mr. Dieter replied that the coordination between Primary Health Care Clinic and McFarland Clinic was going fairly well. Ms. Whistler added that it was a wonderful Clinic and had very good healthcare providers.

A brief discussion ensued over Medicaid.

Board Member Buck asked if the City Council members had any topic that they would like to have on the next Joint Meeting agenda. Council Member Gartin shared that he would like to hear the hospital's perspective regarding mental health services. It was recommended that a member of the Ames Police Department also be invited to that meeting.

Adjournment. There were no further comments from the Board of Trustees or City Council, and the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor