A regular meeting of the Downtown Advisory Commission was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at Obed & Isaacs, with Chairman Mark Misselhorn presiding and with proper notice having been given.

ROLL CALL
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call confirmed the following Commissioners
Absent (4): Jon Neidy and Jon Jenkins
City Liaison: Cesar Suarez
Presenters: Kelli Thompson-Ronald House Charities, Nick Stoffer-City of Peoria, John Brinkman—Four Points by Sheraton/Hawkeye Hotel
Others Present: About 20 other people attended the meeting.

Chairman Misselhorn thanked the City of Peoria and Obed & Isaacs for hosting the Commission meeting. He thanked those in attendance and encouraged everyone to continue attending of DAC Meetings.

MINUTES
The Minutes of May 10, 2018 were approved unanimously. Katie Shackelford asked to correct her name in the minutes from “Kathy” to “Katie”. Suarez indicated he would make the correction.
Owner of Obed & Isaacs welcomed the committee. He shared they will have live music outside and plan on having live music inside well. He expressed excitement on Ronald McDonald House (RMH) and Four Points by Sheraton Hotel being developed near the restaurant. He also commented the City was great to work in getting their construction permits.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – Presentation by Kelly Thompson, CEO of RMH Charities of Central IL
Kelly Thompson shared that a new RMH is planned at 401 NE Monroe—the northeast corner of Spaulding and Monroe. The building would consist of four floors with a footprint of 10,000 sf per floor. Initially 22 units would be built out on the first three floors with the fourth floor reserved for 12 additional units, for a total of 34 units. The project is estimated at $7.0 million, and upon receiving 50% commitment, groundbreaking would occur, which is expected in late September, with an opening in the Fall of 2019. Currently $1.5 million is needed to break ground. River City will be doing the construction and Farnsworth the engineering.

An MOU from both hospitals is underway. Patients staying overnight at hospitals with families living 30 miles or farther would be able to stay free of charge at the RMH. Occupancy is expected at 80%. Terry Clark, local McDonald’s owner is co-charing a fundraiser to raise $500,000 to offset 1/3 of the operation costs for RMH.

Of the 350 Children Hospitals across the country, 90% have a RMH nearby, and together have housed over 7.1 million people. Springfield IL RMH has 14 rooms for overnight stays.
**DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING STUDY/PLAN - Update**

Nick Stoffer, of Public Works gave an update presentation on the Wayfinding Study. Funds were received by the Tri-County Planning Commission to conduct the study. The Corbin Design Group was selected from 15 proposals received. The Wayfinding Plan would include signage designs, location suggestions, and drawings to take to manufactures, and budget estimates. The Wayfinding Plan will also take into consideration mobile apps, websites, and touch kiosks.

Nick shared a few slides on a variety of designs under consideration that were shared at the Downtown Wayfinding Open House held June 5 at the Gateway Building. The types of signs include pedestrian, auto, and major road signs. He also mentioned the feedback from the public was positive. The plans from Corbin are to be completed by the end of June.

**FOUR POINTS BY SHERIDAN – Presentation by John Brinkman, Gen. Mngr. of Four Points by Sheraton Hotel**

John Brinkman shared that Four Points by Sheraton Hotel brand is owned by Starwood Hotels & Reorts, which is a subsidiary of Marriot International, and will be a premier upscale five star hotel. The property is owned by Hawkeye Hotel and is located at 500 Hamilton will contain 323 rooms, and include 35 suites, and have the largest and elegant indoor pool of 12,5000 sf which has been reconstructed. Craft 309 will be owned/operated by the hotel and will have 30 craft beers and be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The hotel will also have a large ball room and meeting rooms with various capacities for conferences. The opening of the hotel was delayed to October due to a water pipe bursting that damaged five completed renovated floors, and insurance issues had to be resolved. The adjacent parking lot is not owned by the hotel but there is a leasing arrangement.

**NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Misselhorn asked if there any questions or items to share. As many of the questions were asked of the speakers already no questions were raised.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Downtown Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m., after the motion was approved unanimously.

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Cesar Suarez, City of Peoria
City Manager’s Office