

Mayor Hamilton Appoints Two Members to Capital Improvement Board

Mayor Hamilton today appointed Mick Renneisen and Adam Thies to the Monroe County Capital Improvement Board (CIB), a new seven-member body created by the County under state law. Monroe County Ordinance 2023-24, passed July 5, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners, established the CIB to oversee the potential convention center expansion project and granted authority for appointments to the board.

“Several of us have been active and engaged advocates for a downtown expansion of our convention center for quite a few years,” said Mayor John Hamilton. “I have been focused on supporting a process and team that can effectively and efficiently finance, design, and build an expanded convention center – one that is architecturally significant, appropriately sized and fitted, and completed in a timely manner. That is not an easy task, and I am grateful to two highly talented and publicly minded individuals who have agreed to put their shoulders to the wheel. We will continue to negotiate to develop an interlocal agreement to accompany the CIB to assure those important community goals can be met.”

Mick Renneisen served as Deputy Mayor for the City of Bloomington from 2016 to 2021. He served as Administrator of the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department from 1996-2015. His long service to the City is complemented by his service on the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and the School of Public Health Dean’s Associates. Renneisen served as the Hamilton administration’s lead during the Master Planning process for the Hopewell project, and coordinated the city’s efforts to expand the convention center. Renneisen has been involved in numerous initiatives, projects, and award-winning work during his years of public service and brings that experience and expertise to the board.

Adam D. Thies has served as Associate Vice President for capital planning at Indiana University since October 2019, overseeing and advising on master planning and architectural design for all IU campuses. Thies earlier served as an Assistant Vice President for Capital Planning at Indiana University, Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development for the City of Indianapolis, and as president of EDEN Collaborative, a boutique real estate, landscape architecture, and city planning consulting firm. Thies was named one of 40 under 40 by the Indianapolis Business Journal in 2009, has been awarded Ball State University’s Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD award), and was named Ball State’s College of Architecture and Planning’s Outstanding Alumni in 2013.