

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
December 19, 2017

Present: Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Shelley Chambers, Bill Churchill, Frank Clark, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Kelli Grubbs, Karl Rhomberg, and Pat Walton

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, City Council; Richard Thomas, Parks & Recreation Board; Art Norris, Quad Cities Waterkeeper; Pat Driscoll, City Communications; Devan Patel, QC Times; Citizens; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the October 24 regular meeting. Chambers seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous two month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2018 Lease Report. Rhomberg moved to approve the disbursements. Elftmann-Gross seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Staff provided the draft lease addendum for the Freight House Farmer's Market to use additional space at the Freight House for the month of January 2018. Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens presented the draft agreement for the 2018 Radish Healthy Living Fair at the Freight House. Chambers moved to approve the agreement. Rhomberg seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff presented the draft agreement with Cobham Life Support for use of the upper venue kitchen at the Freight House. Grubbs moved to approve the agreement. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Staff announced the two-year boat dock installation and removal bid results and recommended award to Swenson Construction of Blue Grass, Iowa. Clark moved to approve the recommendation. Chambers seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens presented the 2018 Summer Concert Series, which is fully and privately covered with no funding coming from the Levee Fund. Chambers moved to approve the schedule. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Art Norris, with Quad Cities Waterkeeper, provided the Commission with a presentation regarding a river restoration project just upstream from Credit Island. The group would like support to secure funding for equipment and related expenses to clean up this section of riverfront, and ultimately, to create a public beach. Staff was asked to begin discussions with the USACE as a starting point.

Staff Report

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report – Chairman Richard Thomas provided a report, which covered a number of park projects underway, including the group's review and approval of the riverfront miniature golf course proposal concept as well as work on its facilitated visioning process. The Parks Advisory Board has prioritized the following three projects for its primary focus during the upcoming year: Miracle Field, Additional Dog Park (East/North), and Indoor Recreational Facility.

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Miniature golf proposal likely at January meeting
- Riverfront Design Standards presentation next meeting – joint with Parks Board
- Union Station & Freight House RFPs update
- New partial dock system at Marquette Landing is out for bid
- Volunteers from the Commission requested for a Liaison to Parks Advisory Board and to the Freight House Farmer's Market Board of Directors

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Karl Rhomberg, Secretary