

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
November 24, 2020

Present (Physical): Exclusively virtual meeting

Present (Virtual): Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, Tom Guy, Neil Kosman, Breanna Pairrett, Julie Tonn, and Pat Walton

Others Present: Kevin James, Quad City Leadership Consulting, Tegan Trees, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met, and instructions were provided regarding tonight's exclusively virtual meeting protocol.

Churchill moved to approve the minutes of the October 27 meeting. Grubbs seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2021 Lease Report. Walton moved to approve the disbursements. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Ahrens introduced Kevin James, with Quad City Leadership Consulting, who provided a synopsis regarding the RiverWest Strategic Planning Initiative and its findings. After discussion, Churchill moved to approve the report. Goblirsch seconded the motion and it carried. The report will be forwarded to the City Council and a briefing will be requested.

Grubbs, Bruemmer and Ahrens highlighted the H.R. Green Flood Study outreach initiative and asked the Commission for additional feedback to be shared with the firm and the City. After further discussion, Grubbs moved to approve the feedback document that responds to specific questions asked. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff provided an update regarding both the interior and exterior post flood restoration projects for Union Station, including Visit Quad Cities opening its doors in the near future and FEMA reviewing the City's Flood Mitigation project proposal.

Ahrens provided an update regarding the timeline for the restoration projects for each railroad crossing, as CP is under construction, and the expectation continues to be for all crossings to be

permanently restored by the end of the 2020 construction season. Much progress is being made on Harrison Street, Gaines Street, and at River Heritage Park.

Staff Report

Ahrens announced that Christkindlmarkt Quad Cities 2020 will not take place during the first weekend in December at the Freight House. Instead, an online shopping experience will be offered.

Parks Liaison Trees reminded the Commission about the opening of two holiday lights events, at Vander Veer and Fejervary Parks.

Other Business

With no public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil Kosman".

Neil Kosman, Secretary