

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
November 23, 2021

Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Tom Guy and Julie Tonn

Present (Virtual):

Others Present: Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairwoman Grubbs called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 meeting protocol in the temporary venue location of the Police Department Community Room.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for the approval of the minutes. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting. Churchill seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented and provided updates regarding the month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2022 Lease Report. Bruemmer moved to approve the disbursements. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Officer Election

Ahrens announced that with the resignation of Commissioner Kosman, there is a vacancy for the position of Vice Chair. Following discussion, Ashton moved to table the motion to fill the vacancy until a future undetermined date. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Ahrens provided updates regarding several CIP projects, including the accessible deck ramp at the Freight House, the Riverwalk extension and park improvements at River Heritage Park, and the overlook at Veteran's Memorial Park. Zach Peterson has been invited to present to the Commission on the overlook project at its next meeting.

Ahrens also presented the draft FY2023 Riverfront Operating Budget for the Commission to review. Following discussion, the Commission will consider its approval at an upcoming meeting.

Staff provided an update regarding the new interactive communication tool to be introduced during Christkindlmarkt called Hello Lamp Post. It is intended to be an additional resource to assist in informing the public about the numerous things to do along Davenport's Riverfront.

Ahrens presented a brief update regarding Riverfront Refresh 2021 and its success. Staff already is working on the 2022 calendar of events and activities.

Staff Report

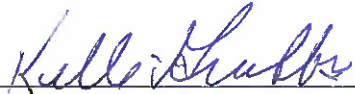
Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report, which included an update on the Parks Strategic planning efforts.

Ahrens briefed the Commission on this year's Christkindlmarkt Quad Cities, which will take place at the Freight House during the weekend of December 2-4.

Other Business

There was consensus by the Commission to not hold a December meeting.

With no public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Kelli Grubbs, Chair