

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
October 27, 2020

Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Neil Kosman, and Pat Walton

Present (Virtual): Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, Tom Guy, Julie Tonn

Others Present: Kyle Carter, Downtown Davenport Partnership; Tegan Trees, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; Bill Handel, Citizen; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance, both in Chambers and connected virtually. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met, and instructions were provided regarding the new meeting protocol. Bruemmer also welcomed and introduced two new Commissioners, Tom Guy and Julie Tonn, Fourth Ward and Mayoral appointments, respectively.

Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the September 22 meeting. Walton seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2021 Lease Report. He also provided and discussed the preliminary audit for FY2020. Walton moved to approve the disbursements. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Ahrens provided the draft lease renewal with Front Street Brewery for its Freight House location. Churchill moved to approve the renewal. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens introduced the revised draft lease renewal with The Diner for its Freight House location. Walton moved to approve the one-year renewal. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

With Ryan Reed's resignation, the position of Commission Secretary is vacant through its term concluding July 2021. Walton moved to appoint Neil Kosman as Secretary. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Kyle Carter, Executive Director with the Downtown Davenport Partnership, presented the preliminary findings of the Downtown Davenport Master Plan conducted by XYZ Consulting. As a

key stakeholder group, the Commission provided feedback, which included: Opportunities for operational and programmatic partnerships between the DDP and the RIC, Master Plan synergies with existing riverfront design plans, and the phased approach to implement the downtown and riverfront priority projects.

Ahrens provided an update on the RiverWest Strategic Planning Initiative, which meets next on October 29. The findings will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

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 again take place during the first weekend in December at the Freight House. He also noted that the 2021 meeting calendar was included in this month's agenda packet. Bruemmer requested that staff inquire about the maintenance plans and budget allocations for the new Flex Lot and the Riverfront Recreation Trail. Bruemmer also would like staff to identify potential ways for the RIC and DDP to provide a higher level of finish to the riverfront.

Parks Liaison Trees introduced herself and indicated her interest in working with the Commission in this new role as liaison.

Other Business

Bill Handel, a citizen, presented remarks to the Commission regarding the riverfront. With no additional public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Kosman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neil" and last name "Kosman" clearly distinguishable.

Neil Kosman, Secretary