



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

October 24, 2023

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Victoria Keninger, Gwendolyn Lee, Scott Pettis, Mary Pruess, Angela Stone and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Alderman Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Courtney Jones, Administrative Services Manager and Staff Liaison; and Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator.

Vice Chairwoman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Bruemmer asked for approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting. Churchill moved to approve the minutes; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

The Commission reviewed the Taste of Ethiopia Lease. Bruemmer moved to approve the lease; Churchill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the Front Street Brewery Lease. Staff Liaison, Courtney Jones, provided an update regarding Front Street Brewery's interest in pursuing a long-term lease agreement (beyond three years) in the future. Grubbs moved to approve the presented lease, spanning three years; Churchill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Future Business

Jones shared the itinerary for the November trolley tour and meeting. Jones will send out a draft of the Nestle Purina Petcare Company Lease for review prior to the November meeting.

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, provided an update on the Fright House After Dark event series, the Halloween parade, and the

upcoming ribbon cutting at Veterans Memorial Park. Bley shared plans for the Holiday Train and Jingle and Mingle on the Mississippi, and will continue to update the Commission on event progress via email.

Old Business

Jones and Bruemmer provided next steps for the Fehr Graham study and the long-term development of Union Station.

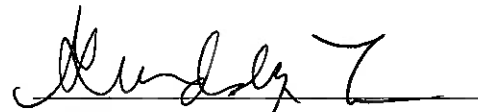
The causeway study grant for Credit Island will be awarded in December.

Bruemmer reviewed the list of proposed Capital Improvement Projects requiring immediate attention. Grubbs moved to direct City Staff to move forward; Churchill seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the CIP presentation for the Parks and Recreation Department. Meyer also shared about the continued growth of the Davenport golf courses.

No public comments were made, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Gwendolyn Lee/Chair