Riverfront Improvement Commission
and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
Front Street Brewery Storage/Meeting area
Freight House, Riverfront, Davenport, IA

Minutes
October 10, 2017

Present: Mayor Klipsch, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Shelley Chambers, Bill Churchill, Frank Clark, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Karl Rhomberg, and Pat Walton; Wendy Peterson, Richard Thomas, Steve Duffy, Kris Woodard, Jerry Coiner, Kim Knoth, Leah Spratt, Maureen Lemek, Ryan Roberson, Tegan Bitting, and Willo Salter.

Others Present: Ald. Rita Rawson, Council Liaison; Roby Smith and Mike Clark, QC River Bandits; Scott Hock and Parks Staff; Brandon Wright, City Finance Director; Wayne Wille, CPED; Devan Patel, QC Times; Multiple media outlets; a Citizen; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission.

Parks Board Chairman, Richard Thomas, and Riverfront Improvement Commission Vice Chairman, Pat Walton, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Projects

After introductions for both groups, Thomas and Walton opened the floor for discussion about a proposed miniature golf course on the riverfront, located at the base of the Modern Woodman Park Ferris Wheel adjacent to the riverfront trail and west of (behind) the LeClaire park bandshell. City Finance Director Brandon Wright suggested that Board & Commission members offer direction to city staff on the approach to consideration of the Main Street Baseball, L.L.C. proposal. The discussion included such items as: changes to the proposal since the initial presentation to the Parks Board earlier this summer, accessibility issues, topography dimensions, fencing height, and floodway concerns, lease structure, and approval procedural issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25p.m. Commissioners and Board members adjourned to the proposal area in LeClaire Park for an onsite inspection of the proposal area. River Bandits Co-owner, Roby Smith, and River Bandits Assistant Manager for Amusements Mike Clark, led the group on a walking tour of the site. Commissioners, Board members and Petitioners shared dialogue during the tour.

Both the Riverfront Improvement Commission and the Parks Advisory Board will further discuss the proposal at their next scheduled meetings.

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. from the Freight House prior to the walking tour.

Karl Rhomberg, Secretary
Courtney Jones, Secretary