

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
September 27, 2022

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

Present (Virtual):

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

Chairman Grubbs called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met. Staff also announced that Commissioner Tom Guy had submitted his resignation earlier in the day, effective immediately. Ahrens has provided that information to the appropriate City officials in order to fill the vacancy.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for the approval of the minutes. Bruemmer moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented and provided updates regarding the month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2023 Lease Report. Bruemmer moved to approve the disbursements. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff Report

A number of communications were provided to the Commission, including:

- City's Destination Iowa Grant Application
- Multiple Cruiseline Passenger Ships at River Heritage Park
- Recent and Upcoming Events: Riverfront Movies, Concerts, Car Show and Activities
- USACE Letter of Interest for Credit Island Slough
- Canadian Pacific Holiday Train Event at Freight House on December 3
- Riverfront Railing Painting by the SAU Softball Team

Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report to the Commission, which included a recent discussion regarding the status of ARPA Funded Parks Projects and the creation of a City-wide Dog Park Task Force (for the two existing and future one to be built).

Commissioner Churchill provided an update regarding the project phase for Veterans Memorial Park, which will likely be completed in the spring.

Chairman Grubbs offered remarks and a recommendation regarding spending some time over the next few months as a Commission revisiting and updating the group's Strategic Plan. In addition, the Commission and City need to ensure we identify and pursue a meaningful and purposeful mission for the Commission so as to not waste anyone's time and talents. After some initial discussion, the Commission will hold a Strategic Planning Session during the next meeting.

Other Business

With no public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Kelli Grubbs, Chair