

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
September 24, 2019

Present: Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanna Pairrett, Ryan Reed, Karl Rhomberg, and Pat Walton

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison, Michael Schertz, Parks Liaison; Christy and Terry Ellenberg, Dan Darland, LPBC; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Wendy Peterson, Bob Peppers, Citizens; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met.

Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the August 27 meeting. Rhomberg seconded the motion. Ashton offered a friendly amendment to also include the minutes from the August 27 Joint Parks Meeting. Grubbs seconded the motion and both carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2019 Lease Report. Walton moved to approve the disbursements. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Ahrens presented the draft lease renewal agreement with Front Street Brewery for the additional space adjacent to the Freight House Taproom. Grubbs moved to approve the agreement. Pairrett seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff provided the draft re-authorized lease agreement with the Lindsay Park Boat Club. Following Ahrens' update regarding the purpose and need, Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Walton seconded the motion and it carried. The item will now be considered by the City Council during its next cycle.

Staff provided the Commission with updates regarding two tenants, Nostalgia Farms Market, Inc. and One River Place.

Projects

Regarding succession protocol and terms for officers, Secretary Reed offered a draft proposal based on the feedback received during the last Commission meeting. Following discussion, Grubbs moved to approve the following language (attached). Walton seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff presented and the Commission discussed the FY2021 Riverfront CIP Budget Requests to be submitted for staff and City Council consideration.

Ahrens then provided the Commission with an update regarding the Strategic Plan initiative, RiverWest, and specifically, the Credit Island Slough project with the USACE.

Staff provided an update regarding both the interior and exterior post flood restoration projects for Union Station. Rhomberg moved to approve the consultant agreement with Fehr-Graham for the design outline of a prospective flood mitigation project. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Joint workgroup members and staff provided a status report regarding discussions relating to the riverfront railroad and Canadian Pacific's decision to elevate the line. The Commission continued discussion regarding the matter, which included updates for each of the crossings.

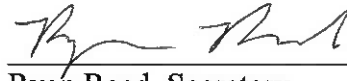
Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- FEMA site inspections
- Freight House deck project update

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Ryan Reed, Secretary