

Riverfront Improvement Commission  
Minutes  
August 23, 2022

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

Present (Virtual): Gwendolyn Lee, Breanna Pairrett

Others Present: Chad Dyson, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Grubbs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met with two Commissioners joining via remote.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for the approval of the minutes. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting. Churchill 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. Ashton moved to approve the disbursements. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Staff provided the draft Assignment and Assumption of the Land Lease Agreement with DLUA LLC for the parcel at 1201 East River Drive. Bruemmer moved to approve the agreement, contingent upon receipt of the back taxes owed to the Commission by the Assignor. Churchill seconded the motion and it was approved.

Projects

Parks and Recreation Director, Chad Dyson, provided the Commission with a synopsis of the recently completed Parks Master Plan. In particular, Dyson and the Commission focused on several priority projects and items related to the Riverfront.

The Commission officially approved the previously sent Letter of Support to the Mayor and City Council for the Canadian Pacific Community Investment and Settlement Agreement by Churchill moving to approve. Tonn seconded the motion and the motion carried with Ashton voting no.

Following each Commissioner's feedback, Ahrens presented the rankings for the FY2024-2029 Riverfront CIP projects listing. Following discussion, staff will include in the annual requests portal for further review and prioritization by staff and the City Council.

#### Staff Report

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

- Alternating Currents and QC Symphony Pops – Big Weekend on the Riverfront
- Cruiseline Passenger Ships – initial stop for Viking moved to August 30 (now Sept 7)
- Upcoming Events: Riverfront Movies, Concerts and Car Show
- USACE Letter of Interest for Credit Island Slough

Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report to the Commission, which included a summary of an active summer throughout Davenport Parks.

#### Other Business

With no public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Gwendolyn Lee, Vice Chair