

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
August 22, 2023

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Randall Goblirsch, Victoria Keninger, Gwendolyn Lee, Scott Pettis, Mary Pruess, Roma Taylor, and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Alderman Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Courtney Jones, Administrative Services Manager and Staff Liaison; Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator; and Missy Carter, Operations Manager at the Freight House Farmers' Market.

Chairwoman Lee called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Lee asked for approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting. Bruemmer moved to approve the minutes; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

An election was held for the Secretary position. Bruemmer moved to nominate Tonn for Secretary; Goblirsch seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The Commission requested a list of duties be provided for the Vice Chair position, ahead of filling the seat. An election for Vice Chair will be held at the September meeting.

Staff Liaison, Courtney Jones, reviewed the updated Capital Contribution Resolution and noted that the Finance Department has a fiduciary responsibility to consider all recommended projects requested to be a part of the City Administrator's Recommended Budget. Bruemmer noted that the purpose of the Resolution is to spend these funds in the future in a way that is considered and deliberated on by the Riverfront Improvement Commission and is not a fund balance item; therefore, showing as restricted. This resolution accomplishes that goal.

A future commission may determine that they are going to use these funds for something that may not be included as a Capital Improvement Project, such as a match, etc. Bruemmer moved to approve the Resolution; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

Operations Manager of the Freight House Farmers' Market, Missy Carter, provided an update on the 2023 Farmers' Market summer season. Carter also expressed interest in expanding the footprint of the market within Davenport.

The Commission reviewed the Ott Leadership Lease. Bruemmer moved to approve the lease; Goblirsch seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the Mississippi Valley Blues Society Lease. Bruemmer requested an analysis of the rental spaces on the second floor of Union Station before approving the lease. A final review of the Mississippi Valley Blues Society Lease will be held at the September meeting.

The Commission reviewed the Miracle at the Freight House Lease and requested an amendment to the payment date to read "October 15th." Tonn motioned to approve the lease; Bruemmer seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Future Business

Jones informed the Commission that Parks Director, Chad Dyson, will provide an update on the Nature Play Area at Credit Island at the September Meeting.

Assistant Public Works Director, Clay Merritt, will provide a presentation on Capital Improvement Projects at the September meeting.

Management Update

Jones provided an update on Main Street Landing. Chairwoman Lee shared feedback on the community meetings with SASAKI.

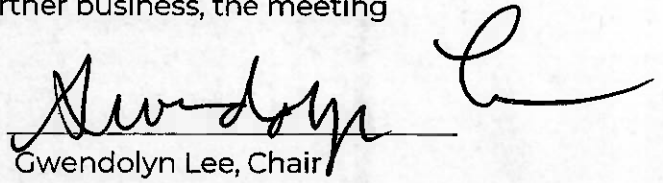
Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, and Jones provided a recap of RAGBRAI.

Bley provided an update on the upcoming Freight House After Dark event, as well as the 2024 summer concert series.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the ice at The River's Edge, as well as an electrical upgrade at Dylan Fountain.

No public comments were made, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Gwendolyn Lee, Chair