



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes
July 18, 2023

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Angela Stone, Roma Taylor, and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Courtney Jones, Administrative Services Manager and Staff Liaison; Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator; Basia Gerlach, Controller; and Ciara Presson, Finance and Administration Intern.

Chairwoman Grubbs called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for approval of the minutes from the June 27, 2023 meeting. Churchill moved to approve the minutes; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

Grubbs made a motion to nominate Gwendolyn Lee for the Chair position. The motion was approved unanimously. An election for Vice Chair and Secretary will be held at the August meeting.

Old Business

The drafted Capital Contribution Resolution was reviewed. Bruemmer proposed edits to the document. Staff Liaison, Courtney Jones, will have the City of Davenport Legal Department review the resolution prior to obtaining final approval from the RIC.

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, provided an update on the status of the Davenport Docks. Feedback from Parks Director, Chad Dyson, was requested to help determine the best location for dock placement. Dyson will attend the August meeting.

New Business

Jones provided an update on Capital Improvement Projects. Assistant Public Works Director, Clay Merritt, will attend the August meeting to discuss the CIP's in greater detail.

Future Business

Jones informed the Commission that Farmers' Market Operations Director, Missy Carter, will attend the August meeting to provide an update on the Farmers' Market. Dyson will also provide an update on the Nature Play Area at Credit Island.

Management Update

Jones reviewed the FY24 budget documents included in the agenda packet.

Bley provided a recap of Red White and Boom 2023 and plans for 2024. Bley also provided an update on RAGBRAI and asked for volunteer support from the commission.

Bley provided an update on the 2023 Riverboat Cruise season, as well as relationship building measures, such as in-person and virtual meetings, being had with American and Viking Cruise Lines, and the local Coast Guard.

Jones provided an update on ongoing facility projects, as well as the upcoming 100th anniversary of the LeClaire Bandshell. Jones also provided information on the "Miracle at the Freight House" pop-up bar and their interest in a short-term lease for Winter 2023/2024.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, had no updates, as the Park Advisory Board had not yet met.

No public comments were made, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Gwendolyn Lee, Chair