Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
June 25, 2019

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

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison, Richard Thomas, Parks Liaison; Dan Darland, Lindsay Park Boat Club; Tim Stecker, IHMVCU; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Kathy Wine, River Action; Wendy Peterson, a citizen; Jacqueline Holm, River Bandits; Bill Lukitsch, QC Times, and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met.

Rhomberg moved to approve the minutes of the May 28 meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

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

Projects

Staff presented for consideration the draft loan documents obtained by the Lindsay Park Yacht Club for dredging of the harbor. Grubbs moved to approve the request. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried. The matter will now be considered by the City Council during the next cycle. Staff also provided an update regarding the congressional delegation letter, harbor dredging, and the request for an expanded fenced area within the leased premises.

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. Rhomberg moved to direct Canadian Pacific to restore the railroad line to its original elevation and to work with CP on joint flooding concerns. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Great Lakes Navy Band playing tonight 7-8pm at the LPYC
- Union Station Interior Restoration & Visit Quad Cities agreement and Request for Proposals for A/E firm for exterior grounds
- Summer Concert Series revised schedule due to flooding
- Riverfront Restaurant upcoming openings – Taste of Ethiopia – next week and Bud's Skyline Riverview – opened early June
- Channel Cat operations fully resumed today
- Marquette Landing boat docks re-installed later this week (ADA handrails / kayak launches coming soon)
- Commission Election of Officers at July meeting

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Karl Rhomberg, Secretary