

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
May 28, 2019

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Gwendolyn Lee, Ryan Reed, and Karl Rhomberg

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison, Christy Ellenberg and Dan Darland, Lindsay Park Boat Club; Kathy Wine, River Action; Ralph Henniger, Bill Handel, Citizens; 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.

Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the April 23 meeting. Rhomberg 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. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Lease

Staff presented for consideration the draft lease renewal with Rita Rawson, who is a tenant in Union Station. Rhomberg moved to approve the agreement. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried, with Walton abstaining.

Projects

Staff, along with Chairman Walton and Dan Darland with the LPYC, briefed the Commission regarding a recent meeting with representatives of the Lindsay Park Yacht Club concerning flood-related and dredging needs, both in the immediate and long-terms. After discussion, Bruemmer moved to direct staff to compose a letter to our Congressional delegation encouraging their support in requesting the USACE to conduct its duty-bound dredging activities at its earliest possible opportunity. Rhomberg seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens provided a spreadsheet with flood-impacted tenants for Commission consideration of rent adjustments. Bruemmer moved to approve the proposal. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff provided a synopsis of the flood-related activities at Union Station and the plans for its restoration and building tenant reoccupancy.

Ahrens provided a status report regarding the riverfront railroad and Canadian Pacific's decision to elevate the line. The Commission held a robust discussion regarding the matter and offered a number of questions for response, including the status of discussions between the City and Canadian Pacific, submitted design plans and permanent solutions for each of the affected crossings, the plan for the recreational trail running parallel to the tracks, and the City's willingness to pursue litigation to compel Canadian Pacific to restore or to seek damages for this major change to Davenport's riverfront.

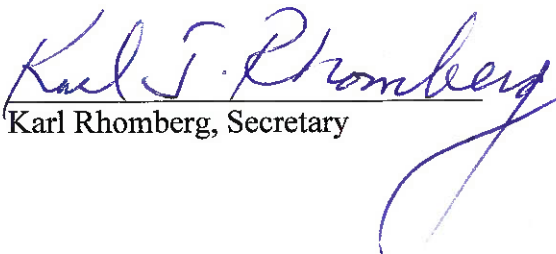
Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Visit Quad Cities agreement – Union Station
- Summer Concert Series postponements due to flooding
- Riverfront Restaurant upcoming openings

Other Business

Bill Handel, Citizen, provided comments to the Commission regarding Main Street Landing. With no further public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Karl Rhomberg, Secretary