

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
May 25, 2021

Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Tom Guy, Neil Kosman, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanna Pairrett, Julie Tonn, and Pat Walton

Present (Virtual): Randall Goblirsch

Others Present: Bill Handel, Citizen; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met, and instructions were provided regarding tonight's meeting protocol.

Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented and provided updates regarding the month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2021 Lease Report. Lee moved to approve the disbursements. Walton seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Staff provided the draft lease agreement for Chill Eats, the new ice cream shop and restaurant at the Freight House. Following discussion, Grubbs moved to approve the agreement. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens presented the draft lease agreement for Heartland Healing, a massage therapist, located on the second level of Union Station. Following discussion, Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens presented the draft lease renewal agreement for initial review with Rita Rawson for the second level suite in Union Station. The Commission will consider the item at its next meeting.

Projects

Ahrens presented an update regarding Riverfront Refresh 2021. Successful grant funding for programming has been awarded for the next two years from both the Regional Development Authority and the Scott County Regional Authority. This will help to off-set the costs related to producing the myriad of events that will take place during this time. In addition, this upcoming weekend will be the

initial work day (with the Davenport Jaycees) for painting the riverfront railing in LeClaire Park. The kick-off the annual Music on the River Summer Concert Series takes place this Sunday, and a large crowd is anticipated. Further, mark your calendars for two upcoming ribbon-cuttings as Chill Eats at the Freight House officially opens its doors on June 11, and Quinlan Court celebrates its inaugural event with Mercado en el Rio (Market on the River) on June 12.

Other Business

Bill Handel, citizen, provided comments regarding the riverfront, and specifically, his unhappiness with the newly-placed railing for the switchback accessible ramp south of Dillon Fountain. With no additional public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Neil Kosman, Secretary