

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
May 24, 2022

Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Tom Guy, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanna Pairrett, Roma Taylor and Julie Tonn

Present (Virtual):

Others Present: Brian Ritter, Nahant Marsh Education Center; Chad Dyson, Davenport Parks and Recreation; Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison; Ald. Rick Dunn, Ald. Derek Cornette, City Council; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Grubbs called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for the approval of the minutes. Bruemmer moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented and provided updates regarding the month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2022 Lease Report. Guy moved to approve the disbursements. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Brian Ritter with Nahant Marsh Education Center and Ahrens provided an update to the Commission regarding the revised management agreement, which includes additional City parcels for NMEC to manage. Ritter also updated the Commission on its \$4 million capital campaign, which is underway, and the next phases of development. Following discussion, Ashton moved to approve recommending to the City Council approval of the revised agreement. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried. The matter now goes to the City Council for its approval.

Projects

Chad Dyson with Davenport Parks and Recreation presented the concept for the Credit Island play area. Additional discussion included the observation and recommendation to elevate the play area in order to minimize the cleanup following flooding events. The Commission generally believes the play area is positive and needed for Credit Island, and that the entire island needs a larger, more detailed

vision and implementation strategy, working with our partners at the USACE and IDNR. The Commission encouraged Parks to have the engineers give them costs for elevating the playground area out of standard flooding, so that cost could be compared to the cleanup costs from floods. Dyson will return to the Commission once the Engineering Consultant reviews the feedback received.

Ahrens presented a request by Living Lands & Waters use of the area surrounding Oneida Landing (land and water) for the "Recycle Like a Rockstar" special event on June 17-19, 2022. Bruemmer moved to approve the request. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff Report

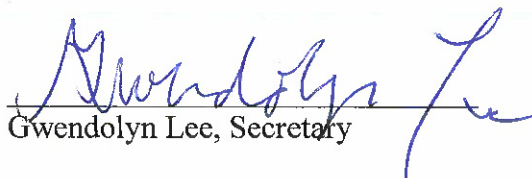
A number of communications were provided to the Commission, including:

- 2022 Riverfront Movies and Concerts
- FHFM outdoor season opens to huge crowds
- May 14 and 28 – River Bandits Ferris Wheel to be open during market hours
- RDA grant award – Music at the Market
- One Sound piano initiative at the Freight House - \$2,000

Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report, which included an update regarding the recent bus tour of various parks, including several riverfront stops.

Other Business

With no public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Gwendolyn Lee, Secretary