



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes
May 23, 2023

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, Victoria Keninger, Gwendolyn Lee, Scott Pettis, Roma Taylor, and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Alderman Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Courtney Jones, Administrative Services Manager and Staff Liaison; Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator; and Tyson Danner, Executive Director at Common Chord.

Chairwoman Grubbs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for approval of the minutes from the March 28, 2023 meeting. Bruemmer moved to approve the minutes; Churchill seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Executive Director of Common Chord, Tyson Danner, spoke regarding the placement of the One Sound Piano. Grubbs asked for a motion of approval for a \$2000 sponsorship; Bruemmer moved to approve; Tonn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Staff Liaison, Courtney Jones, provided a brief summary regarding her visit to Marine Specialties. Grubbs asked for a motion to approve a 1-year lease agreement with Marine Specialties; Lee moved to approve; Churchill seconded and it carried unanimously.

Future Business Items

The Joint Work Session with the City Council is scheduled for June 20, 2023, at 4:00 pm. The Commission discussed talking points for the work session, which included opportunities for future involvement of the Riverfront Improvement Commission, maintenance needs, future Capital Improvement Projects, and the development of riverfront amenities. Alderman Kyle Gripp recommended providing Mayor Matson with discussion topics in advance for review; Grubbs will create a bullet list and meet with the Mayor prior to June 20.

Jones recommended inviting Parks Director, Chad Dyson, to a future meeting to provide an update on the Nature Play Area at Credit Island.

A future small group meeting regarding tenant billing and payment procedures will be scheduled in June 2023.

Management Update

Jones introduced Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, and defined her role, which will encompass special events and assistance with strategic planning.

Jones provided a debrief regarding the flood; all tenants have returned to their facilities. Rent abatement in the amount of one month's rent will be forgiven for each tenant affected by the flood.

Jones also provided an update on the expense report included in the agenda packet.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the Dohse Splash Pad and summer Parks staffing, noting that recruitment of lifeguards has been extremely difficult this year, resulting in a split schedule between the Annie Wittenmyer and Fejervary Aquatic Centers.

No public comments were made, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Kelli Grubbs, Chair