

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
April 26, 2022

Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Roma Taylor and Julie Tonn

Present (Virtual):

Others Present: Dave Herrell, Brittany Wells, Visit Quad Cities; Kate Jennings, Q2030; Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison; Ald. Derek Cornette, City Council; Jon Weigle, Lindsay Park Yacht Club; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Grubbs 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.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for the approval of the minutes. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting. Bruemmer 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. Lee moved to approve the disbursements. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Dave Herrell with Visit Quad Cities provided an update on the plans for the Destination Center at Union Station. Herrell announced a soft opening for the facility on Memorial Day weekend. Following the presentation, Ahrens presented the draft lease renewal agreement with the Visit Quad Cities at Union Station. Bruemmer moved to approve the agreement. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

The lease renewal agreement with Heartland Healing at Union Station was offered for consideration by the Commission. Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Kate Jennings with the Q2030 Initiative provided the Commission with an update regarding the background and status of the regional initiative. Specific to riverfronts, the effort's goal is to better connect individual plans and amplify the vision for all.

Staff Report

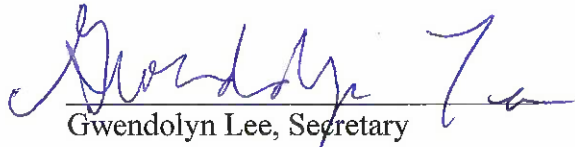
A number of announcements were provided to the Commission, including:

- The second annual Riverfront Refresh Beautification Day was a huge success!
- MSL Design Firm Selection Interviews – Grubbs & Ahrens participating
- MEC Easement Agreement update
- April 29 RME / FHFM Music at the Market Special Event
- May 7 FHFM outdoor season opens
- May 14 and 21 – River Bandits amusements open during market hours
- SCRA initial reimbursement payment received and extension granted for balance
- Hello Lamp Post update

Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report, which included an update on the presentation of its Master Plan. An additional item of note is that there will be free Wi-Fi in Centennial Park this summer.

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