

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
April 23, 2019

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Bill Churchill, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Randall Goblirsch, Gwendolyn Lee, and Ryan Reed

Others Present: Richard Thomas, Parks Liaison; Bill Handel, Citizen; 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 March 26 meeting. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2019 Lease Report. Ashton moved to approve the disbursements. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Lease

Staff presented the draft lease renewal with Rita Rawson, who is a tenant in Union Station. The agreement will be considered at the next Commission meeting.

Ahrens provided a draft revised lease agreement with Visit Quad Cities (QCCVB) for its return to the first floor at Union Station. The agreement will be considered at the next Commission meeting.

Projects

By way of recent City drone footage via the City Facebook page, staff provided an update on flooding and related activities.

Ahrens and Workgroup Task Force members updated the Commission on the recent Joint Workgroup Task Force meetings. The Commission continued to discuss the Strategic Plan, noting several of the initiatives have been accomplished, and highlighting especially the activities of the Workgroup, which is nearing the completion of its task.

Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Channel Cat Dock System Replacement Federal Grant Application
- Riverfront Restaurant openings
- Freight House Farmer's Market opening day relocation

Richard Thomas, Parks Liaison, provided the Commission with an update of recent activities of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, including a recent tour of various park system assets.

Other Business

Bill Handel, Citizen, provided comments to the Commission. With no further public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Pat Walton, Chair