

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
March 26, 2019

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Randall Goblirsch, Gwendolyn Lee, Ryan Reed, and Karl Rhomberg

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, City Council Liaison; Matt Bryars and Shannon Magana, Abhe & Svoboda, Inc.; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Kyle Carter, Downtown Davenport Partnership; Tim Schiffer, Figge Art Museum; Citizens; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton 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 the addition of a new Commissioner, Ryan Reed, the Mayoral appointment.

Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the February 26 meeting. Bruemmer 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. Rhomberg seconded the motion and it carried.

Lease

Staff explained the proposal to cancel the lease with Civil Contractors, Inc. as they no longer need the space for staging grounds. However, a contact with Civil had reached out to a representative with the firm contracted by the Army Corps of Engineers to paint the Lock and Dam, and they are interested in assuming the lease. Therefore, on recommendation by staff, Bruemmer moved to cancel the agreement with Civil Contractors, Inc. Rhomberg seconded the motion and it carried, with Ashton abstaining. Next, Ashton moved to approve the lease agreement with Abhe & Svoboda, Inc., effective April 1, 2019. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Staff provided an update on the proposed signage for the Taste of Ethiopia Restaurant in the Package Express Building, which was approved by the Design Review Board the previous evening. Rhomberg moved to approve the signage plan. Reed seconded the motion and it carried.

Bruemmer and Workgroup Task Force members updated the Commission on the recent Joint Workgroup Task Force meetings. Flow charts which detail the lease review and approval processes

were provided, discussed and revised. The group continues to meet monthly. The Commission continued to discuss the Strategic Plan, noting the work of the Workgroup as critical to its next steps of implementation.

Chairman Walton introduced Zach Peterson of Public Works, who led the Commission through a presentation and review of the most recent proposed refinements to the RiverVision Plan. The Commission discussed several elements of the plan.

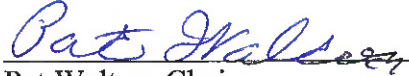
Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Channel Cat Dock System Replacement Federal Grant Application
- Flooding and tenant communications

Other Business

There was one individual who spoke during Public with Business. With no further public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Pat Walton, Chair