

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
March 22, 2022

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

Present (Virtual): Ald. Judith Lee, City Council

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Ald. Tim Kelly, City Council; Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison; Bill Handel, Citizen; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Secretary Lee called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance, with a special welcome to our newest member, Commissioner Roma Taylor, who was appointed by Ald. Tim Kelly. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met, and instructions were provided regarding tonight's meeting protocol.

Approval of Minutes

Lee asked for the approval of the minutes. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting. Pairrett 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. Ashton moved to approve the disbursements. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Staff presented the draft lease renewal agreement with the Lake Davenport Sailing Club. Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Tonn seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Ahrens presented the Commission with the 2022 Calendar of Events for the Riverfront, highlighting several new initiatives and partnerships to help provide the public with free (or low cost) and creative animation of Davenport's riverfront. While some events had to be scaled back due to budget constraints this year, we will continue to communicate our vision and goals to prospective partners so we may expand our reach each year.

Following the recommendation of the ad hoc task force reviewing the operating budget, Ahrens provided a revised FY2023 RIC Operating Budget recommendation, which he presented. After discussion from the Commission, Bruemmer moved to approve the FY2023 Operating Budget as recommended. Ashton second the motion and it carried.

Ahrens presented the Commission with an updated outline and plan of action for implementation of the new interactive marketing initiative, Hello Lamp Post.

Staff Report

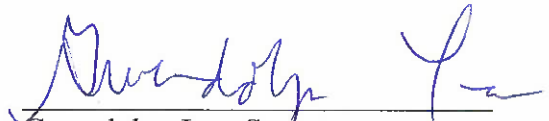
A number of announcements were provided to the Commission, including:

- The second annual Riverfront Refresh Beautification Day will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 8-Noon, and will headquarter from the Freight House.
- Quinlan Court pouring rights – Front Street Brewery
- MSL Design Firm Selection Interviews – Grubbs / Ahrens
- MEC Easement Agreement update
- LPYC dredging update
- RIC/Parks Task Force
- April Meeting – Nahant Marsh

Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report, which included an update on the Park Development Fund prioritization, including nearly one-third of available funding going to riverfront parks-related needs.

Other Business

Bill Handel, citizen, delivered public comments regarding his vision for the riverfront. With no additional public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Gwendolyn Lee, Secretary