

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
February 26, 2019

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Bill Churchill, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanna Pairrett, and Karl Rhomberg

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, City Council Liaison; Richard Thomas, Parks Liaison; Kathy Wine, River Action; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and welcomed all to the new meeting venue in Council Chambers. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met and the addition of a new Commissioner, Ryan Reed, whose first meeting will be in March.

Rhomberg moved to approve the minutes of the December 18 meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried. (The January meeting was cancelled due to weather.)

Finance

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

Lease

Staff presented the draft lease agreement for the 2019 Radish Healthy Living Fair at the Freight House. After discussion, Rhomberg moved to approve the agreement. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens also presented the draft lease renewal agreement with the Lake Davenport Sailing Club. Grubbs moved to approve the agreement. Rhomberg seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Kathy Wine with River Action provided a brief presentation to the Commission regarding a project to provide signage at all boat ramps indicating "Life Jacket Safety Zones." The Commission directed staff to work with River Action on the project.

Ahrens provided the Commission with a presentation regarding the FY2020 proposed operating budget. Following discussion, Rhomberg moved to approve the FY2020 budget. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens and Workgroup Task Force members updated the Commission on the recent Joint Workgroup Task Force meetings. A diagram explaining the group's discussion was provided. 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.

Staff Report

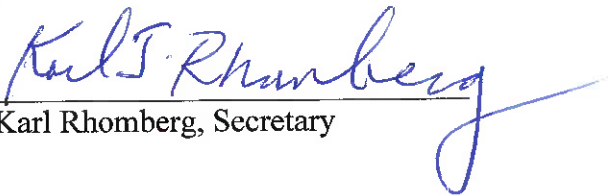
Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- February 15 Riverfront 2019 Public Meeting
- Freight House HVAC final unit replacement
- New flexible space programming
- Front Street Brewery Taproom expansion plans

Richard Thomas with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board provided an update on the group's activities, including the Park Development Fund projects and priorities.

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Karl Rhomberg, Secretary