

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
February 23, 2021

Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Tom Guy, Neil Kosman, and Gwendolyn Lee

Present (Virtual): Randall Goblirsch, Julie Tonn

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met, and instructions were provided regarding tonight's meeting protocol.

Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. Churchill seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Finance

Ahrens presented and provided updates regarding the month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2021 Lease Report. Grubbs moved to approve the disbursements. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Staff again presented the lease renewal agreement with the Freight House Farmer's Market. Ashton moved to approve the request. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff again presented the lease renewal agreement with Antonella's II Pizzeria. Grubbs moved to approve the request. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Ahrens again presented the FY2022 Levee Fund Recommended Operating Budget, which included providing an update on the financial condition of the Levee Fund for the current and next fiscal year. Following discussion, Kosman moved to approve the FY2022 Budget. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens presented an update regarding Riverfront Refresh 2021. Enhancements include both operations and maintenance as well as programmatic. Working with various interested community stakeholders, there will be a number of special events and activities taking place throughout the

riverfront in 2021. First up, a City Council and Riverfront Improvement Commission co-hosted Riverfront Improvement Day on Saturday, April 17 at 8am at the Freight House. More details forthcoming.

Staff briefly discussed the RiverWest Plan Report and reminded the Commission that he has invited the City Council to discuss the report as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Staff provided an update regarding both the interior and exterior post flood restoration projects for Union Station, including Visit Quad Cities initiating the buildout with a spring opening and FEMA reviewing the City's Flood Mitigation project proposal.

There was no report regarding the Canadian Pacific permanent restoration of the railroad crossings and related work and this agenda item will be deleted.

Staff Report

Chair Bruemmer provided a report for the Commission, including the initiation of a performance evaluation for staff. She reminded the Commission of her request to respond to her prior to Friday, February 26 with evaluative comments to be shared with Ahrens.

Other Business

With no public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Neil Kosman, Secretary