

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
February 22, 2022

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

Present (Virtual):

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

Chairwoman Grubbs 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, and instructions were provided regarding tonight's meeting protocol.

Approval of Minutes

Grubbs asked for the approval of the minutes. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting. Churchill 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. Following discussion, the matter will be considered at the next meeting.

Ahrens introduced to the Commission for its consideration a temporary use agreement with Nestle Purina for another Drop Lot, which is located in a portion of the existing City lot at River Drive and Marquette Street. Following discussion, Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Pairrett seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Ahrens provided the Commission with an update regarding MidAmerican Energy Company's draft Electric Transmission Line Easement Agreement. The update included providing a more precise visual illustration of the transmission line easement and how to ensure synergy with future development

in the area (i.e. Veterans Memorial Park). Following discussion, Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried. The item now will have a public hearing and be considered by the City Council for concurrent approval.

In providing an update to the Commission regarding the programming operating budget, Ahrens again briefly presented the draft FY2023 Riverfront Fund Operating Budget for the Commission to review, with additional discussion surrounding the draft proposal for Riverfront Refresh 2022 programming and operation funding. In addition, Grubbs and Ahrens alerted the Commission of the current unlikelihood of receiving additional City funding as requested. Grubbs asked for interested members to participate in an ad hoc budget task force to review the existing situation and make recommendations regarding moving forward.

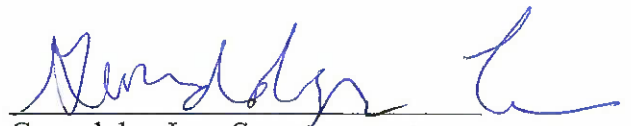
Staff Report

In his Executive Officer's Report, Ahrens announced the nomination of Roma Taylor by Fifth Ward Ald. Tim Kelly to fill the vacancy. Ms. Taylor will join the Commission at our next meeting. Also, the second annual Riverfront Refresh Beautification Day will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 8-Noon, and will headquarter from the Freight House.

Chris Meyer, Parks Liaison to the Commission, provided a report, which included an update on the Parks master planning efforts and park development funding prioritization.

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 6:45 p.m.


Gwendolyn Lee, Secretary