



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

January 23, 2024

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Kelli Grubbs, Victoria Keninger, Gwendolyn Lee, Andrea Olson, Scott Pettis, Mary Pruess, Angela Stone, and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; and Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator.

Chairwoman Lee called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Lee asked for approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting. Churchill moved to approve the minutes; Pettis seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

The Commission discussed the open Ward 5 Commissioner seat and reviewed the 2023 Commission Goals. Recommendations were made for updated verbiage. The Commission also requested an update on flood mitigation efforts, which will be addressed at the February meeting.

Future Business

The upcoming lease renewals for the Farmers' Market and Antonella's were reviewed. The leases will be up for approval at the February meeting.

Management Update

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, provided an update on the construction projects at the Freight House, including anticipated timelines and plans for tenant communications throughout the construction process. Bley shared that the Farmers' Market window project was completed, and noted that the Florian Keen parking lot had been added to the Freight House and Union Station snow removal contract.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on snow removal at the Dog Park and plans to improve upon the current procedures. Meyer explained what the Parks Development Program is and how they select projects for funding. Meyer also shared that the Parks Department is looking at possible locations for Davenport Junior Theatre as the ongoing Annie Wittenmyer redevelopment discussions continue.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Gwendolyn Lee, Chair