



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes
March 26, 2024

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

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Alderman Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Courtney Jones, Sr. Operations & Partnerships Manager; Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator; Dave Herrell, President and CEO of Visit Quad Cities; Katrina Keuning, Director of Brand and Strategy Content at Visit Quad Cities; Joan Kranovich, Vice President of Business Growth at Visit Quad Cities; and Brittany Wells, Destination Experience Manager at Visit Quad Cities.

Chairwoman Lee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Lee asked for approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2024 meeting. Churchill moved to approve the minutes; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

President and CEO of Visit Quad Cities, Dave Herrell, led a discussion on proposed signage for River Heritage Park. The signage would be funded and maintained by Visit Quad Cities.

Future Business

The upcoming lease renewal for the Nestle Purina lot at River Drive and Marquette was reviewed. Grubbs made a motion to approve the lease; Churchill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Management Update

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator Stephanie Bley provided an update on the current Freight House construction project timelines, as well as scheduled repairs at the Marquette Boat Docks. The commission recommended the

reinstallation of the boat docks at Credit Island and requested an overview of the repairs required to reinstall the docks at Buese. The commission also discussed the continued usage of the water fountains at the Freight House. Bley provided an overview of the revamped summer concert series.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the newly formed Trail Committee, which is seeking grant support for new signage on the Recreation Trail. Meyer also shared that native grasses from Quinlan Court have been relocated to Tyler Park.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Gwendolyn Lee, Chair