



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

April 23, 2024

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Dan Darland, Victoria Keninger, Gwendolyn Lee, Andrea Olson, Scott Pettis, Mary Pruess, and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Courtney Jones, Sr. Operations & Partnerships Manager; and Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator.

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 March 26, 2024 meeting. Churchill moved to approve the minutes; Olson seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Staff Liaison, Courtney Jones, provided an update on the proposed Visit Quad Cities signage for River Heritage Park. The sign proposal was reviewed by City staff, and it was determined that the signage would be a better fit in Main Street Landing.

Bruemmer shared an overview of the tenant focus groups held at the Freight House businesses and Taste of Ethiopia, making the Commission aware that further details would be provided outlining immediate needs and future development.

New Business

Darland made the Commission aware of a change to the Davenport Yacht Club's rates and membership fees for the season and has asked that the Commission look into the changes further to evaluate if the changes accurately reflect the permissions of the lease agreement.

Future Business

Marine Specialties would like to add two years to their existing lease at their current rate; this request would be consistent with the terms of a 3-year lease agreement. An addendum will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

Management Update

Jones provided an update on the Taste of Ethiopia transition and informed the Commission that they will see a new lease agreement brought before them in May for their consideration.

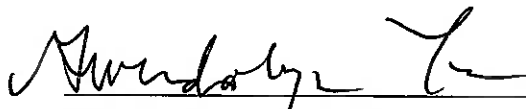
Jones also provided an update to The Diner's lease agreement and rental payment structure. City staff met with and presented a payment plan to The Diner in April 2024. The importance of timely payments ahead of the conclusion of their lease agreement in October in 2024 was discussed as it relates to their lease renewal.

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator Stephanie Bley provided an update on the condition of the Credit Island docks. Bley also shared an overview of upcoming riverfront events, including Coffee & Clean-Up, The Big 9 Summer Concert Series, and the addition of the Toast n' Jam event at Bechtel Park.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the future plans for Davenport Junior Theatre. Meyer also shared that the Trails Committee is looking for walker and runner committee members.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.


Gwendolyn Lee, Chair