



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

May 28, 2024

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Dan Darland, Kelli Grubbs, 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; and Jim Odean, Interim Finance Director.

Chairwoman Lee called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Lee asked for approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting. Churchill motioned to approve the minutes; Olson seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Bruemmer provided an update on the tenant focus groups and outlined areas of opportunity for additional conversation.

New Business

The commission reviewed the Marine Specialties addendum. Bruemmer made a motion to approve the addendum; Grubbs seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The commission reviewed the Taste of Ethiopia lease termination. Bruemmer made a motion to approve the lease termination; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The commission reviewed the lease agreement for I Love Fufu. Darland made a motion to approve the lease with the condition that the lease is updated to reflect

property tax billing information; Grubbs seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, shared that current tenant EME Designs has expressed interest in the vacant space on the second floor of Union Station. The commission directed staff to draft a lease for review.

Bley provided an overview of the business plan submitted by the Farmers' Market. The commission will review the plan for continued discussion at a future meeting.

Future Business

Bley provided an update on a proposed work session to discuss long-term planning for the riverfront. Darland motioned to approve the work session, Olson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

City staff will attend the June meeting to provide an update on the Main Street Landing project.

Management Update

Bley provided an update on the summer concert series, and shared that the first concert was well-attended. Bley also shared that the riverboat cruise season will begin in late June.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the progress at the Fairmount Community Center, the Dohse Spray and Play Park, and the new playground at Credit Island.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Gwendolyn Lee, Chair