



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes
July 30, 2024

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

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Alderman Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator; and Bruce Berger, Director of Community and Economic Development.

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 June 25, 2024 meeting. Grubbs motioned to approve the minutes; Churchill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, provided an update on the time and location of the upcoming Main Street Landing presentation, to be shared in a joint meeting with the Parks Advisory Board.

Bley provided an update on the easement agreement for Hahn Ready Mix. A rendering of the site has been received, and will be included in the agreement, which is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks.

New Business

The Commission discussed how rental rates should be assessed on Commission-managed properties. City staff was directed to review past rental rates and increases to determine an appropriate rental rate for the upcoming lease renewals for Ott Leadership and EME Designs.

Bley shared that "Miracle at the Freight House" has expressed interest in a short-term lease for the currently vacant space in the Freight House. The Commission directed City staff to prepare a lease draft for review. The Commission will continue to evaluate criteria for a long-term lease option for 2025.

Future Business

Darland requested that the Commission revisit a change to the Davenport Yacht Club's rates and membership fees for the current season. Darland also requested an update on the building located on Marine Specialties' property.

Management Update

Bley provided an update on the upcoming riverfront events schedule, and confirmed the reschedule date for Red White and BOOM as Saturday, September 7th.

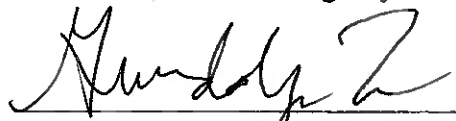
Bley also provided an update on flood clean-up and shared that most tenants have returned to their businesses. The Marquette docks will be re-installed in mid-August, following the completion of minor repair work.

New tenant "I Love Fufu" has officially opened for business in the former "Taste of Ethiopia" space.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the Park Development Program.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.


Gwendolyn Lee, Chair