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Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

September 24, 2024

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Dan Darland, Kelli Grubbs, 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; Bruce Berger, Director of Community and Economic Development; and Denise Hnytka, Chief Communications Officer.

Vice-Chair Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Bruemmer asked for approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2024 meeting. Churchill motioned to approve the minutes; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, provided an update on the finalized draft of the Hahn Easement Agreement.

Darland requested an update on the change to the Davenport Yacht Club's rates and membership fees for the season, and whether the changes accurately reflect the permissions of the lease agreement. City staff will review the lease agreement prior to the October meeting.

New Business

The Commission reviewed the lease agreement for Miracle at the Freight House. Grubbs made a motion to approve the lease; Churchill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the lease agreement for the Mississippi Valley Blues Society. Churchill made a motion to approve the lease; Grubbs seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the renewal agreement for CHS Inc and recommended that additional communication regarding future lease negotiation and terms be included with the agreement. Churchill made

a motion to approve the lease; Pruess seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Bley shared an update on the Freight House Improvement cost opinion provided by Estes Construction. The document will be provided to the Commission once it has been received by City staff.

Future Business

The Commission discussed future work sessions to accomplish short and long-term riverfront planning. The Commission directed staff to provide a summary of the previous work session, held in June, prior to the October monthly meeting.

Management Update

Bley provided an update on the timelines for several projects, including the Freight House roof replacement, the Union Station building rekey, and the Marquette boat dock repairs.

Bley also shared updates on the Quinlan Court Fall Concert Series and Freight House After Dark.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, shared that a new system is being implemented to help coordinate volunteering opportunities within Parks.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Gwendolyn Lee, Chair