

RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Tuesday, March 26, 2024; 5:00 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Approval of Minutes | February 27, 2024
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
  - 1. Riverfront Signage | Discussion
- V. Future Business
  - 1. Approval of Nestle Purina Lease
- VI. Management Update
- VII. Park Liaison Report
- VIII. Public with Business
- IX. Adjournment | Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2024



## Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

February 27, 2024

**Present:** Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Dan Darland, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Andrea Olson, Scott Pettis, Mary Pruess (by phone), and Julie Tonn.

**Others Present:** Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Courtney Jones, Sr. Operations & Partnerships Manager; and Brad Guy, Collection System Project Manager.

Vice Chairwoman 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 January 23, 2024 meeting. Grubbs moved to approve the minutes; Churchill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

### New Business

Collection System Project Manager, Brad Guy, gave a presentation on the flood mitigation project taking place at River Heritage Park. Guy shared that the improvements will enable travel to continue on River Drive up to a 21-22 foot flood stage, from the previous 17-18 foot flood stage.

The commission reviewed the Antonella's lease. Bruemmer moved to approve the lease; Grubbs seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The commission reviewed the Farmers' Market lease. Grubbs moved to approve the lease; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Staff liaison, Courtney Jones, shared that Common Chord had requested a \$1,000 grant to continue the OneSound piano project at the Farmers' Market. Churchill moved to approve the grant request; Lee seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Bruemmer provided an update on the Freight House business focus groups. The focus groups will be facilitated by Kent Pilcher of Estes Construction and Kyle Carter of the Downtown Davenport Partnership. The group sessions will focus on the features that currently do or do not work for each business, and what features the businesses would like to see in the future. Jones will continue to work with Director of Capital Improvement Projects, Clay Merritt, and Facilities and Maintenance Division Manager, Eric Sands, to prioritize immediate maintenance needs.

Jones shared background on the Florian Keen electrification project and highlighted the importance of additional electrical to the lot to continue providing entertainment in that area. Jones asked for consideration of support for additional funding, potentially through a grant, to assist in moving the project forward.

#### Future Business

The upcoming lease renewal for the Nestle Purina lot at River Drive and Marquette will be provided prior to the March meeting. The lease will be up for approval at the April meeting.

#### Management Update

Jones provided an update on the Freight House construction projects, and shared that City staff are meeting with each tenant to talk through the logistics of the upcoming projects.

#### Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the extension of current trails. The Parks Advisory Board is working with Parks and Natural Resources on this project.

No public comments were made. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Gwendolyn Lee, Chair