

RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023; 5:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes | August 22, 2023

III. Old Business

A. Election of Vice Chair

B. Approval of Mississippi Valley Blues Society Lease

IV. New Business

A. Nature Play at Credit Island | Update

B. Capital Improvement Projects | Presentation

C. Taste of Ethiopia Lease | Discussion

V. Future Business

A. Freight House and Union Station | Tour

B. Fehr Graham Study | Update

VI. Management Update

A. Upcoming Events | Update

VII. Park Liaison Report

VIII. Public with Business

IX. Adjournment | Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2023



Riverfront Improvement Commission

Minutes

August 22, 2023

Present: Dee Bruemmer, Randall Goblirsch, Victoria Keninger, Gwendolyn Lee, Scott Pettis, Mary Pruess, Roma Taylor, and Julie Tonn.

Others Present: Christopher Meyer, Parks Liaison; Alderman Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Courtney Jones, Administrative Services Manager and Staff Liaison; Stephanie Bley, Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator; and Missy Carter, Operations Manager at the Freight House Farmers' Market.

Chairwoman Lee called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Lee asked for approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting. Bruemmer moved to approve the minutes; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

An election was held for the Secretary position. Bruemmer moved to nominate Tonn for Secretary; Goblirsch seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The Commission requested a list of duties be provided for the Vice Chair position, ahead of filling the seat. An election for Vice Chair will be held at the September meeting.

Staff Liaison, Courtney Jones, reviewed the updated Capital Contribution Resolution and noted that the Finance Department has a fiduciary responsibility to consider all recommended projects requested to be a part of the City Administrator's Recommended Budget. Bruemmer noted that the purpose of the Resolution is to spend these funds in the future in a way that is considered and deliberated on by the Riverfront Improvement Commission and is not a fund balance item; therefore, showing as restricted. This resolution accomplishes that goal.

A future commission may determine that they are going to use these funds for something that may not be included as a Capital Improvement Project, such as a match, etc. Bruemmer moved to approve the Resolution; Tonn seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

Operations Manager of the Freight House Farmers' Market, Missy Carter, provided an update on the 2023 Farmers' Market summer season. Carter also expressed interest in expanding the footprint of the market within Davenport.

The Commission reviewed the Ott Leadership Lease. Bruemmer moved to approve the lease; Goblirsch seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the Mississippi Valley Blues Society Lease. Bruemmer requested an analysis of the rental spaces on the second floor of Union Station before approving the lease. A final review of the Mississippi Valley Blues Society Lease will be held at the September meeting.

The Commission reviewed the Miracle at the Freight House Lease and requested an amendment to the payment date to read "October 15th." Tonn motioned to approve the lease; Bruemmer seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Future Business

Jones informed the Commission that Parks Director, Chad Dyson, will provide an update on the Nature Play Area at Credit Island at the September Meeting.

Assistant Public Works Director, Clay Merritt, will provide a presentation on Capital Improvement Projects at the September meeting.

Management Update

Jones provided an update on Main Street Landing. Chairwoman Lee shared feedback on the community meetings with SASAKI.

Riverfront Community Engagement Coordinator, Stephanie Bley, and Jones provided a recap of RAGBRAI.

Bley provided an update on the upcoming Freight House After Dark event, as well as the 2024 summer concert series.

Park Liaison Report

Parks Advisory Board Liaison, Christopher Meyer, provided an update on the ice at The River's Edge, as well as an electrical upgrade at Dylan Fountain.

No public comments were made, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Gwendolyn Lee, Chair

LEASE - BUSINESS AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE is made and entered into at Davenport, Iowa on this 26th day of September, 2023 by and between the City of Davenport, Iowa through its Riverfront Improvement Commission, hereinafter designated as "Landlord," and the Mississippi Valley Blues Society, hereinafter designated as "Tenant."

1. LEASED PREMISES

- A. The Landlord has leased, and by this instrument does lease, to the Tenant the following described property located in Davenport, Iowa, together with all appurtenances thereto and with easements of ingress and egress necessary and adequate for the conduct of Tenant's business as hereafter described:

The office space, suite 203, (approx. 460 sq ft) located on the second floor of Union Station, 102 S. Harrison Street, Davenport, IA, Scott County.

- B. The Landlord represents and warrants that it is the sole owner of the building and Leased Premises, that it has full right, power, and authority to make the lease and that no other person or entity needs to join in the execution thereof in order for the lease to be binding on all parties having an interest in the Leased Premises. The Landlord also warrants that the building is in full compliance with existing local, state, and federal codes, rules, and ordinances, and is zoned for use as an office and training center.

2. TERM

- A. The term of this Lease shall be for a period of One (1) Year, and shall commence on October 1, 2023 and shall terminate on September 30, 2024.

3. RENTAL

- A. Tenant shall pay to the Landlord for use of the Leased Premises the following sums: Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$3,528.00) per year paid on a monthly basis of Two Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$294.00). A late payment of Ten Percent (10%) of the monthly payment shall be assessed for payments not received by the end of the Fifteenth (15th) day of the month.
- B. The Tenant may rent up to five (5) parking spaces included at a rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30) per month. Others attending the Leased Premises may park in the adjacent public parking lot, or on-street, obeying all laws and regulations,

and not obstructing the rights of other Tenants or the Landlord's rights on the Leased Premises.

- C. Use of the rental venue(s) within the Freight House complex during the annual Blues Festival will be charged the going rate. Tenant must schedule the use.

4. PAYMENT OF RENTAL

The Tenant shall pay the rentals herein specified, and all other charges, to the Landlord at: Finance—Revenue Department, 226 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa, 52801, or to such other address or addresses as the Landlord shall, from time to time, designate in writing.

5. USE OF LEASED PREMISES

- A. The Tenant shall occupy and use the Leased Premises for the operation of an office and associated uses incidental to this operation. No other uses shall be permitted without the written consent of the landlord which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Tenant shall not sell, or permit to remain in or about the Leased Premises, any article that may be prohibited by standard form fire insurance policies.
- B. The Tenant shall not display merchandise, nor permit merchandise to remain, outside the exterior walls and permanent doorway of the Leased Premises, without first securing the prior written consent of the Landlord.
- C. The Tenant shall not employ any type of sound-emitting device in or about the Leased Premises that is audible outside the Leased Premises, except for fire and burglar alarms.

6. LIABILITY INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF LANDLORD

- A. The Lessee shall secure and maintain such primary insurance policies as will protect themselves or their Subcontractors from claims for bodily injuries, death or property damage which may arise from operations under this contract whether such operations be by themselves or by any Subcontractor or anyone employed by them directly or indirectly.
- B. The following insurance policies are required unless other limits are specified. The City shall be named as an additional insured under General Liability.

(1) Statutory Worker's Compensation with waiver of subrogation in favor of the City. (if lessee has employees)

(2) Commercial General Liability

Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000

(3) Commercial Automobile Liability (if autos are used)

Any Auto, Hired & Non-Owned Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
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(4) Excess Liability Umbrella Form \$ 1,000,000

C. CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY; The insurance required above under "LESSEE INSURANCE", shall:

(1) be Primary insurance and non-contributory.

(2) include contractual liability insurance coverage for the Lessee's obligations under the INDEMNIFICATION paragraph.

D. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE; Certificates of Insurance, acceptable to the City, indicating insurance required by the Contract is in force, shall be filed with the City prior to approval of the Contract by the City. The Lessee shall insure that coverages afforded under the policies will not be cancelled until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City. The Lessee will accept responsibility for damages and the City's defense in the event no insurance is in place and the City has not been notified.

E. INDEMNIFICATION; To the fullest extent permitted by the law, the Lessee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officials and its agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to, all attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense:

(1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of

use resulting therefrom; and

- (2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Lessee, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

7. ALTERATIONS

The Tenant shall not make, or suffer to be made, any alterations, after the build-out, of the Leased Premises, or any part thereof, without the prior written consent of the Landlord, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and any additions to, or alterations of, said Leased Premises, except movable furniture and trade fixtures, shall become at once a part of the realty and belong to the Landlord.

8. MAINTENANCE AND SANITATION

- A. The Tenant, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain in a good state or repair, the following areas: windows and doors, except for those used commonly with other tenants, along with the interior of the Leased Premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tenant may not paint, change, or modify in any manner the exterior of the Leased Premises without first securing the written consent of the Landlord. The Tenant shall be responsible for the exterior glass replacement of the demised area, should they become damaged or broken, and shall be replaced to the original specification.
- B. The Tenant shall provide and maintain sufficient sanitary receptacles in and about the interior and exterior of the Leased Premises in which to place any refuse or trash produced by the Tenant or its customers and patrons, and the Tenant shall cause such refuse or trash to be removed from the area as often as required to maintain a sanitary condition. The Landlord shall provide space on the Leased Premises for such sanitary receptacles, to the extent practical.

9. SURRENDER OF LEASED PREMISES

The Tenant shall, upon expiration of the term hereby created, or upon earlier termination hereof for any reason, quit and surrender said Leased Premises in good order, condition, and repair, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and clean and free of refuse. If alterations, additions, and/or installations have been made by the Tenant as provided for in this Lease, the Tenant shall not be required to restore the Leased Premises to the condition in which they were prior to such alterations, additions, and/or installations.

10. FIXTURES

The Tenant shall provide, install, and maintain at its expense, fixtures of a special nature that may be required by the Tenant's business. All such fixtures which are not permanently affixed to the realty shall remain the property of the Tenant and may be removed by the Tenant no later than the expiration of the term hereof, provided that the Tenant is not then in default hereunder, and that the Tenant shall promptly repair, at its own expense, any damages occasioned by such removal. All other fixtures, with the exception of any water purification equipment (including, without limitation, air conditioning units, heating equipment, plumbing fixtures, hot water heaters, carpeting or other floor covering cemented or otherwise affixed to the floor) that may be placed upon, installed in, or attached to, the Leased Premises by the Tenant shall, at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease for any reason, be the property of the Landlord and remain upon, and be surrendered with Leased Premises, without disturbance, molestation, or injury. The Tenant shall have the right, from time to time during the term of this lease, to remove any such fixtures, equipment, or property for the purpose of replacing the same with items of like character, quality, or value.

11. TENANT IMPROVEMENTS

Prior to commencing any Tenant improvements, the Tenant shall provide to the Landlord, for its review and approval, a plan and specifications for the proposed work to be performed. All improvements shall be completed in a timely and workman-like manner and in accordance with all applicable codes and ordinances.

12. FREE FROM LIENS

The Tenant shall keep the Leased Premises and the property on which the Leased Premises are situated free from any Mechanics Liens arising out of work performed, material furnished, or obligation incurred by or at the instance of the Tenant, and indemnify and save the Landlord harmless from all such liens and all attorney's fees and other costs and expenses incurred by reason thereof. Notice is hereby given that neither the Landlord nor the Landlord's interest in the Leased Premises shall be liable or responsible to persons who furnish material or labor for or in connection with such work.

13. ABANDONMENT

The Tenant shall not vacate or abandon the Leased Premises at any time during the term of this Lease; and if the Tenant shall abandon, vacate, or surrender the Leased Premises, or be dispossessed by process of law or otherwise, any personal property belonging to the Tenant and left on the Leased Premises shall be deemed to be abandoned, at the option of the Landlord. The Tenant shall not be deemed to have vacated or abandoned the Leased Premises caused by reasons beyond its control (casualty, strikes, and acts of God).

14. SIGNS AND ADVERTISING MATERIALS

The Tenant recognizes there are Signage Restrictions for the demised area. All proposed signage must be submitted and approved by the Landlord prior to installation, whether it be affixed to the building, or window type display signs. The Tenant shall submit its signage plan to the Landlord for review and approval.

15. EXTERIOR LIGHTING

The Tenant shall not install any exterior lighting on the Leased Premises unless and until the Landlord shall have approved, in writing, the design, type, kind, and location of the lighting to be installed.

16. UTILITIES

The Landlord shall provide and be responsible for payment of all charges for water, gas, heat, air conditioning, electricity, and sewer for the Leased Premises. The Tenant shall pay all charges for telephone service, trash, garbage, and rubbish removal used by the Tenant. Any security deposit or connection charges required by any utility company to furnish service to the Tenant shall be paid by the Tenant. In the event that one or more such utilities or related services shall be supplied to the Premises and to one or more other tenants within the Union Station Building without being individually metered or measured to the Premises, Tenant's proportionate share thereof shall be paid as additional rent and shall be determined by Landlord based upon their estimate of Tenant's anticipated usage. Landlord shall provide and maintain the necessary mains, conduits, wires, and cables to bring water, electricity and gas, and other utilities to the Premises.

17. ENTRY AND INSPECTION

The Tenant shall permit the Landlord and the Landlord's agents to enter into and upon the Leased Premises at all reasonable times, acceptable to the Tenant, for the purpose of inspecting the same, or for the purpose of maintaining the building in which said Leased Premises are situated, or for the purpose of making repairs, alterations, or additions to any other portion of said building. If the Tenant shall notify the Landlord that it does not intend to exercise any renewal option, the Landlord shall have the right to advertise and show the property to prospective users of the Leased Premises during the final Ninety (90) Days of the initial lease term or any option renewal.

18. DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF LEASED PREMISES

- A. The Landlord agrees, at its cost and expense, to maintain the roof, walls, and foundation of the Leased Premises and building in reasonably good order and

condition, and to make all necessary repairs and replacements in and to the building, including the building flood protection system. If the Landlord fails to perform obligations under this Lease which creates a condition which interferes substantially with normal use, and as a consequence the Tenant is compelled to discontinue business in the Leased Premises in whole or in part, rental shall be proportionally abated. If Landlord defaults for more than Thirty (30) Days, after written notice by the Tenant, the Tenant shall have the right, but not be obligated to remedy such default. All such sums expended, or obligations incurred, by the Tenant in connection with the foregoing shall be paid by the Landlord to the Tenant upon demand, and if the Landlord fails to reimburse the Tenant, the Tenant may, in addition to any other right or remedy that it may have, deduct such amount from the next month's rent or rentals.

- B. In the event of a destruction of the Leased Premises or the building containing the same during said term which requires repairs to either said Leased Premises or said building, or is declared to be unfit for occupancy by any authorized public authority for any reason other than the Tenant's act, use, or occupation, which declaration requires repairs provided the Tenant gives to the Landlord written notice of the necessity therefore. If those repairs are not, or cannot be, completed within Thirty (30) Days of said notice, then the Tenant may, at its option, cancel this Lease. However, if the Tenant does not desire to cancel the Lease, rent shall be abated during the period which those repairs are made and the Tenant is compelled to discontinue business in the Leased Premises. Further, in the event of flooding, rent shall be abated during that time period the leased premises are declared to be unfit for occupancy by any authorized public authority.

19. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

The Tenant shall not assign this Lease, or any interest therein, and shall not sublet the Leased Premises or and part thereof, or any right or privilege appurtenant thereto, or permit any other person (the agent and servants of the Tenant excepted) to occupy or use the Leased Premises, or any portion thereof without first obtaining the written consent of the Landlord. Consent by the Landlord to one assignment, subletting, occupation, or use by another person shall not be deemed to be a consent to any subsequent assignment, subletting, occupation, or use by another person. Consent to an assignment shall not release the original named Tenant from liability which has accrued or occurred prior to the date of assignment. If the Landlord does not release the Tenant from liability, the Landlord shall give the Tenant notice of defaults by assignee and an opportunity to cure the same. Any assignment or subletting without the prior written consent of the Landlord shall be void, and shall, at the option of the Landlord, terminate this Lease. Neither this Lease nor any interest therein shall be assignable, as to the interest of the Tenant, by operation of law without the prior written consent of the Landlord. The Landlord shall give the Tenant prior notice of the assignment of this Lease and/or any interest of the Landlord therein.

20. DEFAULT, RE-ENTRY REMEDIES

If the Tenant shall fail to pay any part of the rent herein provided, or any other sum required by this Lease to be paid to the Landlord at the times or in the manner provided, or if default shall be made in any of the other covenants or conditions on its part agreed to be performed, and such failure to perform other covenants shall continue for Thirty (30) Days after written notice thereof from the Landlord to the Tenant, then the Landlord, besides other rights or remedies it may have, shall have the immediate right of re-entry and may remove all persons and property from the Leased Premises without liability to any person for damages sustained by reason of such removal. Such property may be removed and stored in a public warehouse or elsewhere at the cost of, and for the account of, the Tenant.

21. DEFAULT, COSTS, AND ATTORNEY FEES

If the Tenant shall fail to pay any part of the rent herein provided, or any other sum required by this Lease to be paid to the Landlord at the times or in the manner provided, or if default shall be made in any of the other covenants or conditions on its part agreed to be performed, then the Tenant shall be responsible for payment of all reasonable costs and attorney fees of the Landlord that result from the Landlord pursuing its rights and remedies.

22. SALE OF LEASED PREMISES BY LANDLORD

In the event of any sale of the Leased Premises, or assignment of this Lease by the Landlord, the Landlord shall give the Tenant prior notice of any such sale or assignment. The Landlord shall be relieved of liability under the Lease only in the event that the new Landlord agrees to the Lease and to not disturb the Tenant.

23. REIMBURSEMENT

- A. All covenants and terms herein contained to be performed by the Tenant shall be performed by the Tenant at its expense, and if the Landlord shall pay any sum of money or do any act which requires the payment of money by reason of the failure, neglect, or refusal of the Tenant to perform such covenant or term, the sum or sums of money so paid by the Landlord shall be considered as additional rental and shall be payable by the Tenant to the Landlord on the first of the month next succeeding such payment, together with interest at the maximum rate permitted by law from the date of payment.
- B. All covenants and terms herein contained to be performed by the Landlord shall be performed by the Landlord at its expense, and if the Tenant shall pay any sum of money or do any act which requires the payment of money by reason of the failure, neglect, or refusal of the Landlord to perform such covenant or term after written notice by the Tenant, the sum or sums of the money so paid by the

Tenant shall be considered as rental and shall be deducted by the Tenant from the rent on the first of the month next succeeding such payment.

24. WAIVER

No covenant, term, or condition of this Lease shall be waived except by written waiver of the Landlord, and the forbearance or indulgence by the Landlord in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant, term, or condition to be performed by the Tenant to which the same shall apply, and until complete performance by it of such covenant, term, or condition, the Landlord shall be entitled to invoke any remedy available under this Lease or by law despite such forbearance or indulgence. The waiver by the Landlord of any breach or term, covenant, or condition hereof shall apply to, and be limited to, the specific instance involved, and shall not be deemed to apply to any other instance or to any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition hereof.

25. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

The covenants herein contained shall, subject to the provisions as to assignment, subletting, and sale of Leased Premises, apply to and bind the heirs, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of all the parties hereto; and all of the parties shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.

26. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Lease is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby.

27. TIME

Time is of the essence with regard to performance of any obligations under this Lease.

28. EMINENT DOMAIN

- A. If the whole of the Leased Premises shall be acquired or condemned by eminent domain for any public or quasi-public use or purpose, then the term of this Lease shall cease and terminate as of the date of title vesting in such proceeding, and all rentals shall be paid up to that date, and the Tenant shall have no claim against the Landlord for the value of any unexpired term of this Lease.

- B. If any part of the Leased Premises shall be acquired or condemned by eminent domain or public or quasi-public use or purpose, and in the event that such partial taking or condemnation shall render the Leased Premises unsuitable for the business of the Tenant, which shall be at the Tenant's reasonable discretion, then the term of this Lease shall cease and terminate as of the date of title vesting in such proceeding and the Tenant shall have no claim against the Landlord for the value of any unexpired term of this Lease. In the event the Tenant determines the Leased Premises are not suitable, then it shall be relieved from further obligation of this Lease.
- C. In the event of any condemnation or taking as hereinbefore provided, whether whole or partial, the Landlord and Tenant shall each be entitled to receive and retain such separate awards and portions of lump sum awards as may be allocated to its respective interests in any condemnation proceeding.
- D. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the Tenant from prosecuting any claim directly against the condemning authority in such condemnation proceedings for loss of business or depreciation to, damage to, or cost of removal of, or for value of stock, trade fixtures, furniture, or other personal property belonging to the Tenant.

29. FLOODING

Landlord agrees that it will make reasonable efforts to allow access to the leased premises during periods of flooding. Landlord and Tenant agree that each shall cooperate with emergency service utility company personnel or flood control personnel in the event of a flood. If events require the tenant to move out of occupancy because of flooding, the rent shall be abated for those days that tenancy is not possible.

30. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Tenant shall be responsible to pay for Tenant's proportionate share of the Real Estate Taxes of the Leased Premises and any personal property taxes assessed on the equipment or fixtures owned by the Tenant. Tenant is solely responsible to keep itself informed of the assessment and collection of taxes.
- B. The Landlord shall be responsible and pay for all snow removal, exterior landscaping, and all other exterior maintenance of the building and public areas surrounding the Leased premises. The Tenant shall be responsible, however, for the interior and exterior window cleaning of the Leased Premises.
- C. The Tenant is hereby provided the exclusive use of the space noted on the second floor of the building.

- D. The Tenant is responsible for obtaining and renewing all licenses and permits necessary for its operation. The Tenant shall comply with all Federal, State, or Local rules and regulations applicable to its operation.

31. GENERAL

- A. This Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.
- B. This Lease, and any exhibits attached hereto, sets forth all the covenants promises, agreements, conditions, or undertakings, either oral or written, between the Landlord and Tenant. Except as herein otherwise provided, no subsequent alteration, amendment, change, or addition to this Lease shall be binding upon the Landlord or Tenant unless reduced to writing and signed by both parties.
- C. If the Landlord or Tenant herein shall be more than one party, then the obligations of such party or parties shall be joint and several.
- D. The Landlord and Tenant acknowledge reliance on its own judgment and advice and counsel of its own attorney in interpreting this Agreement, and not in any manner on the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this lease in duplicate the day and year above.

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
BLUES SOCIETY**

RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

By _____
Randy Nunez

Date _____

By _____
Gwendolyn Lee, Chair

Date _____