

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
March 27, 2018

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Shelley Chambers, Bill Churchill, Frank Clark, Kelli Grubbs, and Breanne Pairrett

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, City Council; Kathy Wine, River Action; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Pat Driscoll, City Communications; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ahrens announced the quorum had been met for the meeting.

Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the February 27 regular meeting. Ashton seconded the motion.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2018 Lease Report. Grubbs moved to approve the disbursements. Chambers seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Ahrens provided the draft lease renewal agreement with Rock River Family Office for its second floor Union Station office suite and explained its expansion plans. Chambers moved to approve the agreement. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff introduced a seasonal use agreement with the Taste of Ethiopia, a farmer's market vendor, for the upper level kitchen at the Freight House. Grubbs moved to approve the agreement. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Staff introduced Kathy Wine with River Action, who provided an update on the First Bridge project and invited the Commission to join the First Bridge Impact Alliance. Grubbs moved to approve joining the alliance. Chambers seconded the motion and it carried. Grubbs will be the Commission's designated member to the Alliance.

Zach Peterson with Public Works provided the Commission with a RiverVision update, which specifically focused on River Heritage Park, Veterans Memorial Park, and Main Street Landing.

Commissioner Bruemmer provided an update on the Riverfront Public Art Initiative, after the initial kick-off was held on March 20. Staff encouraged Commissioners to view the presentation and complete the survey online on the City's website.

Staff introduced the idea behind the Commission's strategic planning and visioning initiative and requested feedback regarding the process. A proposal from a recognized, local facilitator has been requested for a process to begin in the near future.

Staff Report

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report – There was no report provided.

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Union Station & Freight House unoccupied spaces update
- Without objection, staff's recommendation to suspend the accepting of reservations for after November 1, 2018 for the Upper Level Venue at the Freight House will proceed.

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Pat Walton, Chairman