

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
May 22, 2018

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Frank Clark, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Randall Goblirsch, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanne Pairrett, and Karl Rhomberg

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Tara Elkins, The Diner; Wendy Peterson, Parks Advisory Board Liaison; Bill Handel, Citizen; 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 that a quorum for the meeting had been met. New Commissioners, Randall Goblirsch and Gwendolyn Lee, were introduced and welcomed. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the March 27 regular meeting. Churchill seconded the motion.

Finance

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

Leases

Ahrens presented the initial draft agreement with Rita Rawson for partial office space at Union Station, second floor. The Commission will consider the agreement at its next meeting.

Staff presented the initial draft agreement with Tara Elkins with The Diner for main and second level east end space at the Freight House. Ms. Elkins was introduced and briefly spoke about her plans. The Commission will consider the agreement at its next meeting.

Projects

Ahrens provided the Commission with updates on a variety of Capital Improvement Projects for the riverfront. Some of these include: Main Street sewer infrastructure replacement, Skybridge window replacement, restroom renovation, flex space demolition and construction, Marquette Landing new boat dock system installation, Package Express building window and door replacement, Union Station exterior trim painting, Ripley Street dumpster enclosure, and the Freight House building study.

Staff Report

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report – Wendy Peterson provided a report, which included: Flooding recap and update for Credit Island and its Lodge and the opening of the Fejervary Park Learning Center.

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Union Station unoccupied spaces update
- Iowa Great Places Re-designation Application update
- I-74 Bridge Construction – Marina Staging Area
- Reminder for June-August Commission Planning sessions – Dinner included

Other Business

Citizen Bill Handel addressed the Commission with a concept and model of a structure to be connected to the Skybridge. With no further public to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Karl Rhomberg, Secretary