

Riverfront Improvement Commission  
Minutes  
September 25, 2018

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Frank Clark, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, and Breanne Pairrett

Others Present: George and Genet Moraetes, Taste of Ethiopia; Clint Zimmermann, Civil Constructors, LLC; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Kathy Wine, River Action; Richard Thomas, Wendy Peterson, Parks Advisory Board Liaisons; 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. Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the August 23 special meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Kathy Wine, with River Action, provided a presentation to the Commission regarding the upcoming Upper Mississippi River Conference and Flood Resiliency Workshop on October 24-25.

#### Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2019 Lease Report. Ashton moved to approve the disbursements. Clark seconded the motion and it carried. Ahrens included in the agenda packet for discussion is the year-end FY2018 City Audit for the Levee Fund, which shows an ending balance of \$62,629.00.

#### Leases

George and Genet Moraetes were present as staff provided a brief synopsis of the draft lease agreement for their restaurant, Taste of Ethiopia, at the Union Station Package Express Building. Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens introduced Clint Zimmermann with Civil Constructors, the USACE contractor for the Lock and Dam 15 guide wall rehabilitation project, and provided an overview of the agreement. Following discussion, Clark moved to approve the agreement. Pairrett seconded the motion and it carried, with Ashton abstaining from the vote.

Staff provided an overview of the draft lease addendum renewal agreement with Front Street Brewery for the additional adjacent space to the Tap Room at the Freight House. The Commission will consider the addendum at its next meeting.

## Projects

Zach Peterson provided a presentation regarding the update for the Main Street Landing Flex Space Project.

The Commission discussed the draft Strategic Plan. Following discussion, Bruemmer moved to approve the Riverfront Improvement Commission's 2018 Strategic Plan. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

## Staff Report

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report – Richard Thomas provided a report, which included such projects as proposed disc golf and a Pokemon station at Goose Creek Heights Park and a proposed biking trail near the north Marquette Dog Park.

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Status of exterior painting and additional projects at Union Station
- Joint meeting with City Council on November 13 at 3:30 p.m.
- 2019 new meeting location – Council Chambers, City Hall
- RDA Fall Grant Application – Kayak and Boat Launches

## Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Pat Walton, Chair