

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
August 23, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Frank Clark, Randall Goblirsch, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanne Pairrett, and Karl Rhomberg

Others Present: George and Genet Moraetes, Taste of Ethiopia; Ald. Kyle Gripp, City Council Liaison; Dan Ebener, Facilitator; Wendy Peterson, Parks Advisory Board Liaison; 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. Ashton moved to place the Strategic Planning Initiative Session following adjournment of the business meeting. Clark seconded the motion and it carried. Grubbs moved to approve the minutes of the July 24 regular meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2019 Lease Report. Clark moved to approve the disbursements. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Leases

Ahrens presented the draft lease agreement with the QCCVB for the main level space at Union Station. Ashton moved to approve the agreement as recommended. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff introduced the draft agreement with the Mississippi Valley Blues Society for shared space in the Union Station (east) second level office suite. Grubbs moved to approve the agreement. Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

Ahrens also provided the draft addendum agreement with Rock River Family Office for an additional adjacent office space vacated by the MVBS. Grubbs moved to approve the addendum. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff introduced George and Genet Moraetes and provided an overview of the initial draft lease agreement for their restaurant, Taste of Ethiopia, at the Union Station Package Express Building. The agreement will be considered at the Commission's next meeting.

Staff Report

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report – Wendy Peterson provided a report, which included an update on the Director hiring process and distribution of the Parks Fall Activity Guide.

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Upcoming USACE construction staging grounds use request
- Iowa Great Places Re-designation and Annual Meeting
- Upper Mississippi River Conference - October 24-25

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Strategic Planning

Ahrens again welcomed Facilitator, Dan Ebener, who introduced the concluding steps for the strategic planning initiative being undertaken by the Commission.

Karl Rhomberg, Secretary

Patricia Walker
CHAIR