

Riverfront Improvement Commission
Minutes
November 27, 2018

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

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison; Ald. Marion Meginnis, City Council; Richard Thomas, Parks Liaison; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Pat Driscoll, City Communications; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the October 23 meeting. Grubbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

Ahrens provided the Commission with a Finance Orientation Presentation, where the Operating (Levee Fund) and CIP budgets were discussed. He then presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2019 Lease Report. Grubbs moved to approve the disbursements. Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

Projects

Chairman Walton presented the findings from the recent Staff Performance Evaluation for Executive Officer, Steve Ahrens. After Commission discussion, Ashton moved to approve a 5% merit salary increase for Ahrens. Bruemmer seconded the motion. Grubbs offered a friendly amendment to ensure the salary adjustment follows appropriate City protocol for such personnel matters. Ashton seconded the motion, and each motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed the Strategic Plan, specifically the recent joint meeting with the City Council and next steps. The Workgroup Task Force has been established with City Council members: Gripp, Condon, Meginnis, and Dunn. Bruemmer moved to add Commissioners: Goblirsch, Ashton, Grubbs, and Bruemmer to the Workgroup. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Freight House Deck Replacement and Ramp Widening
- RDA Award for Kayak Launches at Marquette and Buese Landings
- Christkindlmarkt at the Freight House on December 8-9

Richard Thomas with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board provided the following highlights of its activities:

- Centennial Park Sprayground topography changes
- Dog Park Tour in Muscatine

Other Business

With no public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Pat Walton, Chair