

Riverfront Improvement Commission  
Minutes  
July 23, 2019

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Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Randall Goblirsch, Karin Elftmann-Gross, Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee, Breanna Pairrett, Ryan Reed, and Karl Rhomberg

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison, Richard Thomas, Parks Liaison; Lorrie Beaman and Ben Florence Freight House Farmer's Market; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Kathy Wine, River Action; Wendy Peterson, a citizen; Bill Handel, Citizen; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met.

Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the June 25 meeting. Bruemmer seconded the motion and it carried.

#### Finance

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

#### Leases

Staff provided the draft lease agreement with Visit Quad Cities for the Visitor Center at Union Station. Ahrens provided an update regarding the buildout and operations plans. Bruemmer moved to approve the agreement. Elftmann-Gross seconded the motion and it carried.

#### Projects

Lorrie Beaman with the Freight House Farmer's Market provided an update on the indoor market project plans. In addition, Beaman discussed marketing programming and highlighted several upcoming events and activities.

Joint workgroup members and staff provided a status report regarding discussions relating to the riverfront railroad and Canadian Pacific's decision to elevate the line. The Commission continued discussion regarding the matter, which included updates for each of the crossings. CP has provided a new alternate River Heritage Park access design, which also was discussed.

## Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Bylaw officer succession change
- Petersen Trust distribution / QC In-Fisherman donation
- Union Station Interior Restoration Project and the Request for Proposals for A/E firm for exterior grounds
- Credit Island Slough Presentation – August meeting
- Freight House mulching / Breanna's crew
- August 4 Appreciation Cookout at the Freight House

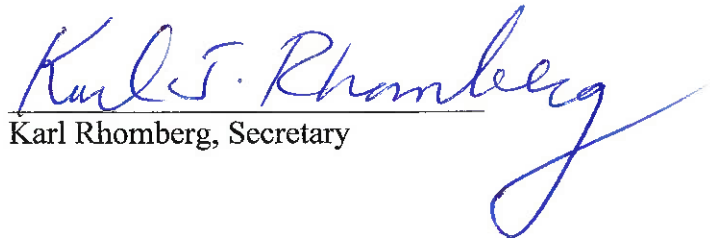
## Election of Officers

Rhomberg moved to approve the following slate of officers for 2019-2020, and Ashton seconded the motion and it carried:

Chair – Dee Bruemmer  
Vice Chair – Kelli Grubbs  
Secretary – Ryan Reed

## Other Business

Bill Handel, a citizen, addressed the Commission. With no further public with business to present, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
Karl Rhomberg, Secretary