

Riverfront Improvement Commission  
Minutes  
August 27, 2019

Present: Pat Walton, Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Randall Goblirsch, Gwendolyn Lee, and Ryan Reed

Others Present: Ald. Kyle Gripp, Council Liaison, Richard Thomas, Michael Schertz, Parks Liaison; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Wendy Peterson, Bill Handel, Citizens; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance following the joint meeting with the Parks Advisory Board. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met.

Walton moved to approve the minutes of the July 23 meeting. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

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

Leases

Ahrens presented the draft lease renewal agreement with Front Street Brewery for the additional space adjacent to the Freight House Taproom. The Commission will consider the renewal at its next meeting.

Staff provided the draft lease agreement with Visit Quad Cities for the Visitor Center at Union Station. Ahrens provided an update regarding revisions requested to the agreement. Walton moved to approve the agreement. Reed seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff presented the draft license agreement with Langman Construction for the unimproved area along River Drive and west of Marquette Street for construction staging to support the 1930s Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project. After discussion and contact and signatory revisions, Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Goblirsch seconded the motion and it carried.

## Projects

Regarding succession protocol and terms for officers, Ahrens presented several options for the Commission to consider. After discussion, Reed offered to draft a proposal based on the feedback received.

Staff provided an update regarding the completion of the Freight House mural project, which has been accomplished through a joint partnership with QC Arts. The murals will be completed later this fall.

Ahrens then provided the Commission with the plans for the Freight House deck replacement, which has been approved by the Design Review Board and will now proceed to bid-letting with a likely spring 2020 completion. Walton moved to approve both Freight House projects. Ashton seconded the motion and it carried.

Staff provided an update regarding both the interior and exterior post flood restoration projects for Union Station.

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.

## Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Channel Cat Dock Replacement Grant Award - \$1.2M

## 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 7:05 p.m.

  
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Ryan Reed, Secretary