

Riverfront Improvement Commission  
Minutes  
July 28, 2020

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Present (Physical): Bill Ashton, Dee Bruemmer, Bill Churchill, Neil Kosman, and Pat Walton

Present (Virtual): Kelli Grubbs, Gwendolyn Lee

Others Present: Michael Schertz, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; Alderwoman Lee, City Council; Zach Peterson, Public Works; Cory Smith, City IT; Bill Handel, Citizen; and Steve Ahrens, Riverfront Improvement Commission

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance, both in Chambers and connected virtually. Ahrens announced that a quorum for the meeting had been met, and instructions were provided regarding the meeting protocol.

Ashton moved to approve the minutes of the June 23 meeting. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

#### Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2020 Lease Report. Ashton moved to approve the disbursements. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried.

#### Officer Elections

Walton moved to approve the slate of officers (one year terms) presented as follows with a second by Ashton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair	Dee Bruemmer
Vice Chair	Kelli Grubbs
Secretary	Ryan Reed

#### Leases

Ahrens provided the draft lease renewal with the Mississippi Valley Blues Society for a shared suite on the second floor of Union Station. The agreement is for a one year term and contains a reduction in rent. The agreement will be considered by the Commission at its next meeting.

## Projects

Staff introduced Kevin James with QC Leadership Consulting, who facilitated a visioning process discussion with the Commission regarding RiverWest. The larger process with a variety of community stakeholders to initiate a facilitated planning effort for RiverWest, which includes strategic planning for Credit Island and the greater causeway area, along with the area from Marquette Street to the downstream City limits, likely will get underway in August.

Staff provided an update regarding both the interior and exterior post flood restoration projects for Union Station, including Visit Quad Cities opening its doors in mid-August and FEMA reviewing the City's Flood Mitigation project proposal.

Ahrens provided an update regarding the timeline for the restoration projects for each railroad crossing, as CP is under construction, and the expectation continues to be for all crossings to be permanently restored by the end of the 2020 construction season.

## Staff Report

Ahrens provided updates on a variety of topics, including:

- Freight House deck project ribbon-cutting – August 9 at 1pm

## Other Business

Bill Handel, a citizen, provided commentary on the riverfront, particularly LeClaire Park. With no additional public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Dee Bruemmer, Chair