

Riverfront Improvement Commission  
Minutes  
August 25, 2020

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

Present (Virtual): Kelli Grubbs and Randall Goblirsch

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

Chairman Bruemmer called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 July 28 meeting. Churchill seconded the motion and it carried.

#### Finance

Ahrens presented the previous month's disbursements, aged receivables report and the FY2021 Lease Report. Grubbs moved to approve the disbursements. Walton seconded the motion and it carried.

#### 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. Ashton moved to approve the agreement. Kosman seconded the motion and it carried, with Walton abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Staff introduced the draft lease renewal with Nestle Purina for the gravel parking lot along West River Drive. The Commission will consider the agreement at its next meeting.

#### Projects

Zach Peterson with Public Works provided a presentation on the CIP project at River Heritage Park. The discussion included: City Council \$1M CIP Project details of the riverwalk addition and seawall rehabilitation, a memorial of some kind to Chief Blackhawk, a possible new entrance

modifications and Canadian Pacific vehicular access, timetable for boat excursions, and the River Action replica bridge project progress.

Staff provided an update on the RiverWest Strategic Planning Initiative, which will hold the launch meeting with stakeholders on September 3.

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 the near future 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

Schertz provided an update regarding various Parks' activities, including the recent storm damage assessment.

#### Other Business

Bill Handel, a citizen, provided the Commission with a presentation on the riverfront, particularly the greater LeClaire Park area. With no additional public with business to present to the Commission, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
Dee Bruemmer, Chair