

Minutes
Moline Centre Main Street Commission
City Hall, 619-16th St.
Tuesday, January 24, 2012

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. The Commission met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attendance: Those present were commission members: Amy Trimble Lorimer, Pat Burke, Frank Ege, and Lori Turner. Also present were, Pam Owens, Main Street Coordinator, Terri Smith, Project Manager of Bass Street Landing, Rebecca Gall, Historic Preservation Specialist, Jim Ohern and Gary Freeman, possible new Board Member candidates.

Commission members absent: David Wise, Curt Roseman and Rhonda McKinley.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 5th meeting by Pat Burke, seconded by Lori Turner. Motion accepted.

Budget Review: No report at this time.

Coordinator Report:

Main Street Coordinator Owens provided the update.

1. Pam announced that Dave Wise had resigned and moved to Colorado.
2. Possible new Board Members, Jim Ohern and Gary Freeman were introduced to the group. Pam gave an overview of the Main Street Program and information regarding the SSA's, TIF's, etc.
3. Dumpsters. A discussion ensued regarding the dumpster problem; specifically the area behind Bierstube. The city received a dumpster quote from Lowell Fence, for approximately \$25,000. The Commission determined that further discussion is needed to determine how to effectively solve this problem.
4. 12 cigarette urns were placed outside of businesses that requested these items. 5 extra urns were ordered because of additional requests.
5. RFQ workshops for the Multi-Modal Station (Amtrak) were held in downtown Moline and at Willis Tower in Chicago. The Chicago workshop attracted 52 interested developers.
6. WIU Riverfront Campus held their grand opening and is now open. Phase II, which will include the construction of 5 new buildings to the West of this new building, will begin this fall. This project should be completed in 2014. The campus will eventually have 5,000 – 7,000 students enrolled.
7. A Downtown Informational Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 31st at Taj Oriental in downtown Moline.

Merchants Group: No report at this time.

Commission Members & Terms: Pam explained to Jim and Gary, the election process and term requirements for the Main Street Commission. We will follow up with them regarding their interest in becoming new Board Members.

Annual Main Street Meeting: To be held January 31, 2012 at Taj Oriental.

Upcoming Events & Promotions:

1. A possible downtown New Year's Eve event, mimicking the dropping of the ball in NYC, maybe drop a bucket of Whitey's Ice Cream or some other local iconic item. Will continue this discussion throughout the year.
2. In conjunction with the re-opening of the John Deere Pavilion, have the downtown merchants offer some special items. We will set up a meeting with John Deere personnel to discuss.
3. Need to set a date for the March Pub Crawl.

Design Committee: There is \$25,000 in façade funds available for 2012. One individual is in receipt of an application, and others have expressed an interest in updating their businesses this year.

New Business: No new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

The next meeting will be held March 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith.