

Minutes
Moline Centre Main Street Commission
City Hall, 619 16th Street
Monday, December 16 , 2013

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. The Commission met in regular session in the Committee of the Whole Meeting Room at City Hall.

Attendance: Those present were as follows:

Commission Members Present:

Amy Trimble
Gary Freeman
Matt Sivertsen
Frank Ege
Lori Turner

Commission Members Absent

Hector Colon
Beth Lagomarcino

Staff Members Present

Adam Holland
Terri Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes: Lori Turner made a motion to approve the minutes. Gary Freeman seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the Board.

General Trust Fund Report:

1. Terri reported that the City of Moline Finance Dept. had not forwarded the November Trust Fund report to her, so she was unable to present current information to the Board. We are also waiting for a few checks to be cut for Jazz Bucks refunds. A complete report should be available by the January meeting. Adam stated that once this account has been balanced, we will transfer all monies to a Chamber account under the Main Street Program.

Design Committee Review :

1. Adam reported that the bar/restaurant fka Wide Open has a new tenant. The new business, called Brix, will be a family friendly pizza place. The owners plan a major renovation of this property and have experience in food service. They were also awarded **façade** funds for this renovation. The targeted opening date is set for February 2014.
2. Adam also reported that remaining face funds from this year will be rolled into 2014. The Committee will have to prioritize applicants/funds for 2014. There are still a few **people interested in façade projects**. Once that money has been used, additional funds are unlikely to be available.

Promotion (Merchant) Committee Review:

1. The next Merchant's Meeting will not be scheduled until January.
2. Discussion was held regarding possible First Friday Events/Programming. We need to delve into some new ideas for these types of events.
3. Amy Trimble reported that attendance for Lighting on the Commons was down this year due to the cold weather.

Economic Review:

1. Adam reported that the Ice Rink launch went well. The rental facility now serves light concessions (hot chocolate and snacks). The pub/bar on the east side of the building is scheduled to open by mid-January.
2. The old Phillips Lofts sign is set to be removed. It will be replaced by a newer sign that will also include the name of the new restaurant Barley & Rye.

New Business Discussions :

1. Adam met with two individuals who would be interested in serving on the MCMS Board. They are Bryce Henderson, from Financial District Properties, and Kathy Mason with Shive Hattery. All members of the Board agreed these individuals would be a great addition to this team and approved their membership.
2. Adam reported that the 2014 Illinois Main Street Director's Winter Retreat will be held in Moline this year. The dates for this event are February 24 - 27th. They are expecting approximately 30 - 35 people. The two hotels participating in this event are Stoney Creek and the Holiday Inn in Rock Island. He is working with Christina Rogers on the program sessions. Projected program venues include visits to Prophetstown, Orion, Aledo and Rock Island. A revitalization session is planned with highlights on downtown mixed use development. Adam invited all Board Members to participate in some of these sessions.
3. Lori Turner asked where we stood on the list of vacant properties that had been accumulated. Adam indicated that there is a complete list of those properties. A discussion ensued regarding a those properties. Lori stated that it is difficult to enforce some of the issues that evolve from those empty buildings for a variety of

- reasons. She did state that the City will be enforcing old sign removal in 2014.
4. Amy Trimble reported that Trimble Point is on schedule.
 5. Adam asked everyone to take some time and complete the on-line survey located at molinecentered.com. The Lakota Group has created this form in conjunction with their plan to update the Moline Centre, Floreciente and Edgewater Neighborhood Plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith

Next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2014