

**Minutes**  
**Moline Centre Main Street Commission**  
**City Hall, 619 16<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Monday, June 18, 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  
Lori Turner  
Patrick Burke

Commission Members Absent

Frank Ege  
Hector Colon  
Jim O'Hern

Staff Members Present

Terri Smith  
Ray Forsythe  
Mark Bray  
Nicole Przybylski

**Minutes:** Lori Turner made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Amy Trimble seconded the motion. Motion was accepted.

**Budget Report:**

Amy Trimble reported that there is nothing new or out of the ordinary with the budget. The biggest expense is snow removal. Terri reported that the Trust Fund Account balance must be found in order to be able to take a closer look at expenses.

**Ray Forsythe on the Main Street Program:**

1. Pam Owens' position will be filled within the next couple of weeks.
2. Discussed whether or not there is a need for Rebecca's position, especially since CDBG funding has increased. The general consensus was that both positions are necessary.
3. Amy Trimble will be part of the interview process; the candidate must be qualified to run the program.
4. In order to maintain a Main Street program, Pam Owens' position needs to be filled.
5. There was a \$2.5 million LED grant which alleviates Tiff Fund initiatives

6. Council will be writing their goals tonight (June 18) and we are pushing for the Main Street Program as a priority to Moline.

### **Terri Smith's Update:**

1. Last week's summer concert series went well. The weather was perfect and approximately 200 people were in attendance. There are a variety of bands this year. Still waiting on Steve to get the final count of the beer sales.
2. Merchants' Meeting attendance is growing. It is beneficial for all merchants to obtain more information about downtown and to let people know about on-going activities so that businesses can prepare for the influx.
3. Terri attended the IDA Conference in Evanston, the SSA program was beneficial.
4. The Visitor's Guide is in the process of nearing completion; it will be done this week. The Birdsell property might have to be taken out because of the fire.

### **Upcoming Events:**

1. June 23<sup>rd</sup> Arts Conference
2. June 28-30 Antique Car Show  
Both will be bringing in a lot of visitors and will be good for the businesses in the area.
3. There are several races scheduled for this summer/fall:
  - a. Glow Run -August
  - b. Color Run- September
  - c. Running Dead/Zombie Run-October

### **Discussion of the Effect of Races on the Downtown Economy**

- Most people just run the race and leave; they do not want to stay afterwards. Some businesses are talking about giving out tickets at the Zombie Run which can be redeemed at a bar for a drink.
- Bars are a good way to start, but the event should be more family friendly.
- Are races family events in the first place?
- The goal is to get people downtown and races work for this. There is talk about a tent or exhibiter booth. The race is still in its design stages. The Commission will keep bringing it up at upcoming meetings.

### **New Business:**

- Matt Sivertson is interested in being on council. We need to check with Beth Lagomarcino who expressed an interest in coming on board, so that they will be sworn in at the same time.
- Terri reported that now there is a good mix of residential members and business representatives of Downtown Moline on council.  
New Businesses:  
Big Shots  
Barrel House is now hiring (not open yet)

Ginga's in the Heritage Building. Terri is visiting this week.

**Updates on Developments:**

**Patrick:**

- Environmental issues with the train station, the upper levels will remain extended stay.
- Collectors building can also be a hotel; we are waiting on John Deere for environmental.
- East Moline has a hotel, Case New Holland.
- Bettendorf is already putting in a Hilton Garden Inn so Moline needs to come up with a different chain or concept.
- There is a new restaurant in Phillips mall called Barley and Rye. They are still working on financing.
- Western Illinois will have three new buildings open in Fall 2014
- The Amtrak building is predicted to be finished in fall 2016. The railroad cars are being manufactured in Rochelle because this is a multistate bid. They will also be updating the tracks. The program is being funded by two separate sources, the project will be delayed. The station however will be open before the Amtrak starts running. We are hoping to obtain some new retail businesses.
- River Station is completely full, the chamber is moving to the upper floor.
- Gas Station in Downtown Moline? There are not really any around here, just two convenience stores in the Enterprise Lofts which really are not convenient. Their business is slow and the parking lot is a little difficult since it only offers 15 minute parking.

**Amy on Trimble Point:**

- Trimble point is waiting on the state to purchase the property, relocation negotiations have not begun.
- The estimated opening date will be decided in the next two weeks, they are thinking from between 6 and 9 months, but they are still not sure. They are hoping that it will be as soon as possible, hopefully in the spring. They feel comfortable to start booking for an events center on the lower level, bridal events in the fall, it will hold 150. They want to promote middle sized groups which cannot fit in a restaurant but are too small for big rented rooms.
- Most likely a year from now the building will be torn down and it must be torn down immediately to avoid issues. Wilson house will be sold and Stack's is going down too.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Przybylski.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2013.