

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

Commission Members Absent

Frank Ege  
Lori Turner  
Hector Colon

Staff Members Present

Adam Holland  
Terri Smith

**Minutes:** Since we did not have a quorum present, minutes were not approved. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting. The Board decided to go ahead and have an informational meeting with those members present.

Adam Holland was introduced as the new Main Street Director. Adam comes from the Chamber of Commerce and will now be heading the Main Street Program.

**General Trust Fund Report:**

1. Terri passed out a copy of the most recent General Trust Fund account as of July 2013. The balance as of the end of July was \$1,266.76. The increase in numbers was a result of concert sales. There was some discussion to move this account over to the Chamber of Commerce since the program is now housed under the Chamber. Adam indicated that we will look into this.

**Coordinator Report:**

1. Terri reported that the Summer Concert Series went extremely well this year. There were crowds of over 500 people on a couple of nights. This was due to choosing a variety of new bands and the possibility that the word is finally getting out that this is a great place to visit on a Thursday night. Next year we may be utilizing sponsorships for the concerts. This would cover costs of the band and police presence. Matt suggested that we also try to look into a production company to utilize for sound on the Plaza. Some of the sponsorship money could possibly be used towards a better sound system. We also discussed bringing food on to the Plaza for next year. We may approach Bass Street to see if they would be interested in placing a grill on their back patio.
2. Upcoming Fall events include the Quad Cities Marathon on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Running Dead 5K on October 12<sup>th</sup>, Get Jazzed for the Holidays on November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, and Lighting on the Commons, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Adam announced that he and Terri will be attending the Illinois Main Street State Conference in Pontiac, Illinois on October 1 - 3. Moline Centre Main Street submitted a Design Nomination for the Luchair Building. Winners for nominations will be announced at the Main Street conference dinner.
4. Adam also announced that the Lacoda Group will be hosting stakeholder interviews on September 25<sup>th</sup> in the COW at City Hall. All downtown business owners are invited to attend this meeting. Terri will be sending out a notice regarding this meeting to all downtown business owners.

### **Committee Report:**

1. Terri presented a review on the Façade Program. Since the program was open city-wide this year, over a dozen people have applied to the program. Currently, we have had one payout and approximately 4 new projects are in the works. Available funds this year are as follows:

\$20,000 - TIF1 (can only be spent in TIF 1)

\$30,000 - General Fund

\$7,500 CDBG (Can only use in low income track)

### **Discussion on Vacant Buildings**

- Another discussion was held regarding vacant buildings in downtown.
- One possible solution included charging a fee for no activity in marketing a vacant building. We need to make it more expensive for property owners to maintain or hold on to an empty building.
- It was also suggested that we look into window dressing or window wrapping.
- This issue has been brought up in the past. Terri will research minutes to find out where we stood on a downtown vacant ordinance.

### **Discussion on Parking**

- Gary Freeman brought up the parking issue which has been discussed in the past.
- Midtown Ramp is being underutilized.
- Utilizing pay-to-park meters was discussed.
- Space jumping issues were addressed.
- The Board decided to wait until all new buildings have been completed and then review this situation again.

### **New Business**

- We need to bring a map of the downtown area to all meetings so that members are able to locate buildings that are brought up in discussion.
- Beth Lagomarcino has expressed an interest in being on the board. We need to speak to the City Clerk regarding her appointment.
- Bryce Henderson may also be another candidate.
- We need to continue searching for new board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith

Next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2013