

Minutes
Moline Centre Main Street Commission

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce
4:00 p.m.
Monday, January 19, 2015

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. The Commission met in regular session in the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce offices.

Attendance: Those present were as follows:

Commission Members Present:

Amy Trimble
Matt Sivertsen
Jeff Anderson
Lori Turner
Gary Freeman

Commission Members Absent

Frank Ege
Beth Lagomarcino
Hector Colon

Staff Members Present

Adam Holland
Terri Smith

Visitors

Joe Taylor – Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
Chris Schram – Construct Services

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Matt Sivertsen made a motion to approve the minutes. Gary Freeman seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the entire Board.

Promotion Committee

Adam introduced Joe Taylor from the Quad Cities Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Joe wanted to update the Board on the upcoming Missouri Valley Conference (MVC). The conference will take place March 10 – 13, 2016 at the iWireless Center. The conference will continue the program in Moline for three (3) years, with the possibility of five years, if the Conference so chooses. The Women's Basketball Committee will be sending approximately 50 representatives to Moline this spring; April 30, May 1, & May 2, 2015 to scope out the Quad Cities. Joe wants to make certain that the community is aware of this event, which will draw thousands of people to our area. We need to engage downtown businesses and the community to help make them feel welcome. Adam told Joe that we would be happy to work together to make this event a huge success.

Adam announced the date for this year's Cabin Fever Pub Crawl which will be Saturday, April 11, 2015. Bar & Restaurant owners felt that the crawl should be held at a later date this year. Prior year crawls were held too close to St Patrick's Day.

Amy brought up a topic that had been discussed in prior meetings; outdoor menu placement. She felt that it would be more beneficial and inviting to the public, if each bar/restaurant placed their menu in a window/outside location. Adam stated that he would bring this topic up at our next Merchant's Meeting.

Design Committee Update

Adam advised the Board that there are some proposed changes for the Façade Grant in 2015. There is a proposal to put the program back under the City's umbrella and have City staff take control. Since monies for the façade program are coming out of the General Fund, and the program is city-wide, it would make sense to have city staff run this. One added step to the program is that City Council will approve each individual applicant. Moline Centre will continue to assist by marketing this in the Moline Centre region.

RFP's for planting and materials have been distributed and are due back on February 3rd. Adam has reached out to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and some Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce members to advise them of the RFP publication.

The bike fix-it station in SSA #5 (Bass Street Landing), will be placed on the bike path located on the south side of the YMCA Boat House sometime this spring. SSA #6 Board members are in the process of determining where their fix-it station should be positioned.

Economic Update

Chase Bank has someone interested in purchasing that building and converting the upper floors into residential development.

The Zenon building is in the process of being demolished. Asbestos has been removed and the building should come down this week.

Jimmy Johns is also interested in bringing one of their franchises to downtown Moline. They are in the process of searching for the right location. Adam will know more about this project in the next couple of months and report back to the Board.

The Skinner Block project is still on-going. Adam was not certain when construction will be completed. All rooms are over 1,000 square feet; some have two bathrooms. These will be premium rental apartments once completed.

Matt Sivertsen announced that Chick-fil-a no longer has a presence in the Heritage Building. A new restaurant, Heritage Deli, has moved into that spot. Adam indicated that he will stop in and welcome the new business to the neighborhood.

Amy Trimble mentioned that someone is interested in opening an Irish Pub. They are looking at the Moorehead Peterson space.

Adam introduced Chris Schram, from Construct Services, to the Board. Chris is one of the new owners of the Hoa-Lan building and wanted to give everyone an update on the project. Their plan is to put in a Kosama fitness center. There is another Kosama franchise in Davenport and Chris would like the Moline location to be very high end. His company spent the last month cleaning out the building. To-date they have filled 15 dumpsters. Each floor has approximately 6,000 square feet. They are currently working with Joe Mason, the City of Moline Building Inspector on some code issues, specifically the occupancy rating. Chris stated that if they are mandated to install a sprinkler system in the building, the project will not be able to move forward. Jeff Anderson suggested speaking to some local architects who have done work in older buildings. They might be able to offer suggestions. Chris would like to open by April 1st, barring any further complications.

Other Business

Adam reported that two documents are being analyzed for use in establishing some type of licensing agreements for outdoor dining. Specifications for this document are still in-process and will be worked out before this year's outdoor dining season.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20. **Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16th. There is no February meeting scheduled.**

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith