



PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Renew Moline

1506 River Drive

Moline, IL

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- Members Present:** Dr. Joe Rives, WIU, Renew Appointee, PMT Chairman
Scott Raes, Mayor
Gerald Butts, PMT Member
Steve Nelson, WIU Board of Trustees Appointee
Dave Parker, Alderman
Lori Turner, Alderwoman
- Members Absent:** Kevin Schoonmaker, Alderman
Greg Derrick, Deere & Company Appointee
Stephanie Acri, Alderwoman-at-Large
- Staff:** Janet Mathis, Renew Moline, CEO/President
Suzanne Chevalier, Renew Moline, Office Operations Director
Ray Forsythe, City of Moline, Planning & Development Director
Jeff Anderson, City of Moline, City Planner
- Other:** Adam Holland, Moline Centre Main Street Director
Dr. Tom Christensen, Deere & Company
Anissa Wanat, Global Communities, Project Director
- Press:** none present
- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Joe Rives, at 1:33 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes** – Steve Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2015. Motion was seconded by Lori Turner. Motion carried.
- **Project Update**
- The Q – Janet updated the group on the work being doing on the outside of the O'Rourke Building. Exterior restoration is happening as progress continues on the interior remediation and demolition. The Amin Group has completed the application for New Market Tax Credits and has also been exploring Historic Tax Credits. Progress

continues on the review of building materials, landscaping, signage and the retail commercial space development. Mayor Raes said that the Washburn Building is scheduled for demolition today.

- The Mills at Riverbend Commons Development – Janet said that the new Happy Joe’s PizzaGrille is looking great, and she recently had an informal tour of the site. Ray stated that the Sriracha Thai Bistro received their building permits about two weeks ago and construction should start soon, and they are hoping for an early winter opening. The developer continues to pursue other commercial options for the remainder of the space.
- Riverbend Commons Phase IIA – Ray stated that Phase II A will likely be 150 market-rate apartments in two buildings with accompanying parking and they are working on getting some schematics to present to the PMT soon.
- WIU - Quad Cities Riverfront Campus – Dr. Rives that Phase III development is currently on hold. There are plans for a new degree program this fall and a new PhD program that they are excited about. Steve Nelson stated they recently received a grant from the Carver Foundation for the Engineering program.

➤ **Transportation Plan for Riverfront**

- Jeff informed the group that they are forging ahead with the plan. The recent public meeting at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. Everyone seems to be really excited about the transportation plan and how it will affect the growth and redevelopment of downtown Moline.

➤ **Moline Centre Main Street Update –**

- Adam informed the group about Get Jazzed for the Holidays is midway through the big holiday kickoff with a lot going on as retailers prepare for the holiday season and offer deals to patrons. Many downtown Moline businesses and restaurants participate with sales and discounts. Lightening of the Commons is this Saturday and of course that is in conjunction with Get Jazzed.
- Adam said that the summer concert series has been extended next year from 9 to 14 weeks, basically from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Janet mentioned Renew would be interested in sponsoring an evening once again.

➤ **Next PMT:** The next PMT meeting will be January 20, 2016, at Happy Joe’s PizzaGrille.

➤ **Adjourned:** Dr. Rives made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Raes. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Suzanne Chevalier
Office Operations Director, Renew Moline