

*******Lack of Quorum*******

**Summary of Discussion
Moline Centre Main Street Commission
4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission discussion ensued between those present and is captured in the following summary.

Commission Members Present:

Beth Lagomarcino's, Lagomarcino's
Jeff Anderson, City of Moline
Ajay Singh, Heart of America (HOA)- via phone
Peter McDermott, McDermott Construction
Chelsey Hohensee, MetroLink

Commission Members Absent

Matt Sivertsen, The Planning Center
Omar Bradley, First State Bank
Dave Fortin, DF2 Consulting
Chris Schram, ConStruct Services
Dave Parker, City of Moline

Staff Members Present:

Adam Holland
Terri Smith

Guests

Stephanie Acri, Mayor - City of Moline
Amy Trimble, WaterMark Corners

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, minutes were not approved.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Welcome New Members

Adam Holland welcomed new members Ajay Singh, Pete McDermott and Chelsea Hohensee.

Pete McDermott has owned a business in Moline for 39 years.

Ajay and his wife own the Academy for Performing Arts in Moline. He is employed at Heart of America.

Chelsea Hohensee lives in Moline and is employed at MetroLink.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Public Comment

Adam Holland stated that this past November the Lighting on the Commons (LOC) reached a 20 year anniversary. The event was produced as a free community event put on through the City of Moline and the Property Owners Group (POG). Through the course of several years the event evolved at which point three years ago the Main Street Commission partnered with John Deere to continue the event.

Last March the Main Street Commission had a meeting to discuss ways to serve the greater SSA area and, from a marketing standpoint, to look at further branding Moline Centre. They wanted to look at a new event that would accomplish those goals, and came up with the Holiday Hop, which is a hybrid of the LOC and Get Jazzed. Various events will take place (Santa, crafts, trolley, etc). There are currently 28 businesses signed up to participate.

Adam Holland stated the Lighting on the Commons will continue as it has for the past 20 years. It will be held on the hardscape of the John Deere Pavilion on November 18, a day after the Holiday Hop and on the same day as the Festival of Trees parade.

Now businesses within the area will be positively impacted from having two events in that weekend.

Mayor Acri commented that she would like to make a request for funding of Lighting on the Commons.

Beth Lagomarcino stated that she was not aware this event was proceeding until this moment. She indicated that we need to determine what the budget for our new event will be.

After a very lengthy discussion, Jeff Anderson made a motion for the Main Street Commission to support the 2017 Lighting on the Commons and to coordinate with those businesses/entities involved in the new event, Holiday Hop, and assist them in moving forward. The motion was seconded by Beth Lagomarcino and there was a discussion that the motion should be e-mailed to Commissioners for an electronic vote.

In addition, a request should be made to SSA #6 to request funding for these events. Beth Lagomarcino seconded the request.

AGENDA ITEM # 4 – Concert Series Re-Cap

Adam Holland gave a brief recap on the Moline Centre Thursday Night Concert Series. This year's event went very well. The series began June 1 and went through September 14. We had a rain out so we added one extra day. Additionally, we had a verbal agreement for the September 14 concert, but the sponsor backed out, so we paid to continue.

There was a brief discussion on whether we should maintain our current schedule, which begins Memorial Day and ends Labor Day. Beth Lagomarcino stated that we are cutting into Rock Island's concert series if we go past Labor Day. Adam Holland indicated that concert attendance tails off when school begins.

Beth Lagomarcino made a motion to begin the concert series the Thursday after Memorial Day and end before Labor Day. Jeff Anderson seconded the request. Again, there was discussion about sending the motion to Commissioners via e-mail for an electronic vote.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Holiday Hop

Adam Holland stated that the Holiday Hop was covered significantly under Public Comment.

The discussion concluded at 5:15.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 18.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith.