



**Moline Centre Main Street Commission Minutes  
4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, July 17th, 2019**

**Committee of the Whole Conference Room  
619 16<sup>th</sup> St  
Moline, IL 61265**

*The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting came to order at 4:02 p.m. The Commission met in regular session at the Planning Center Headquarters.*

**Commission Members Present**

Ajay Singh, Heart of America  
Amanda Bautista, Café Fresh  
Dave Parker, City of Moline (2nd Ward Alderman)  
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink  
Lora Adams, Black Box Theater

**Board Members Absent**

Matt Sivertsen, The Planning Center  
Pete McDermott, McDermott Construction  
Jeff Anderson, City of Moline (Staff)  
Michelle Sparkman, Heart of America

**Staff Present**

Geoff Manis

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER**

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting was called to order by Ajay Singh at 4:00 p.m.

## **AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

## **AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the June 19, 2019, meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept these minutes was made by Chelsey Hohensee. Dave Parker seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 – Above Ground Planter Audit Discussion**

Manis presented a map of SSA #6 to the Commission and explained that he had been doing an inventory of the above ground planters and noticed an overabundance along 15<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There are also some planters of various sizes that have been abandoned for a number of years. With the help of Quality Construction and Meyer Landscape, he would like to get the abandoned planters replanted for labor cost only and redistribute some of the planters West towards downtown. This would include spreading them out around The Q and on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue heading west through Mercado on Fifth and the Boys and Girls Club. Manis made note that there are four planters in front of Shooting Sports that will remain there. They have been placed there for fortification to prevent unwelcomed vehicles from entering the building and removing merchandise. The Commission discussed various locations for relocation of planters. Chelsey Hohensee made the motion to redistribute the above ground planters downtown based on Manis' discussion to create more coverage within SSA #6 and the downtown area. Amanda Bautista seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 – Spiegel Building Banner**

Manis reported he partnered with Olde Town Group who borrowed a lift from Kramer North America, bridge contractor, to remove the Quad City Mallards Banner and replace it with the new Downtown Moline Banner. Olde Town Group donated their labor to the project. Final cost was \$225 for the vinyl banner from One Step. Alderman Parker brought up issues with signs and banners in the right of ways of the City and asked Manis to discuss it with Administrator Kotter and Attorney Price.

## **AGENDA ITEM #6 – QC Craft Beer Fest Overview**

Manis reported the 2019 Quad Cities Craft Beer Festival is Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. The weather is forecasted at 98 degrees with a heat index of 110 degrees which will impact attendance. In the past, the event was scheduled in April and May so attendance was impacted by thunderstorms,

showers and cooler temperatures. Manis provided financial information of the event to the Committee and they discussed details of the event, media coverage, bathroom facilities, hydration and safe ride options.

### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – Mercado on Fifth Discussion**

Manis reported that in the past the Moline Centre has helped support the Mercado on Fifth by hanging the papel picado and string lights. This year we helped them again and Mercado provided the papel picado and we provided the labor and putting up the lights. Unfortunately, there was not enough papel picado for all six decorative street lights so Manis would like to purchase the additional four 47' strings at \$30 each and hang them up at a total cost of \$300 which business owners have said they would reimburse. Ajay Singh made the motion to approve buying the four strands of 47' papel picado and hang them up for a cost of \$300. Chelsey Hohensee seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Alderman Parker asked Manis to discuss hanging the papel picado with Administrator Kotter and Attorney Price regarding it being in the right of way also.

### **AGENDA ITEM #8 – Director's Report**

Manis reported how important the Thursday Night Concert Series has become. In the last couple of years, it has turned into one of the most important and heavily attended community initiatives happening in the Quad Cities. He wants to continue to enhance it through vendors and bands so the Commission may see some important decisions coming before them.

### **AGENDA ITEM #9 – Other Business**

Manis and the Commission discussed the events that take place at the Moline Centre, ways they could be revamped for the future and new events that could be added in order to continue promoting downtown businesses. Currently, they have the Craft Beer Fest, Cabin Fever Pub Crawl, Thursday Night Concert Series, Lighting on the Commons and Holiday Hop.

### **AGENDA ITEM #10 – Adjournment**

Chelsey Hohensee made a motion to adjourn. Lora Adams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Fawn Schultz, Planning and Main Street Administrative Assistant.*