



**Moline Centre Main Street Commission  
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes  
3:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Commission Members Present**

Matt Sivertsen, The Planning Center  
Ajay Singh, Heart of America  
Pete McDermott, McDermott Construction  
Lora Adams, Black Box Theater  
Amanda Bautista, Café Fresh  
Dave Parker, City of Moline (2nd Ward Alderman)

**Commission Members Absent**

Michelle Sparkman, Heart of America  
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink

**Staff Present**

Geoff Manis

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

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

A motion to accept the minutes from February 19, 2020, was made by Pete McDermott. Lora Adams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM #4 – COVID - 19**

Manis requested from the Commission getting a laptop in case he needed to work from home during the COVID-19 shutdown. The Commission discussed the costs of laptops and its benefits after COVID-19.

**Dave Parker made a motion to use the budgetary funds available to provide Manis a laptop for the purpose of managing Main Street remotely. Ajay Singh seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Manis reported to the Commission his idea to get pop up musicians to play throughout downtown Moline. This came from what is happening in Italy where musical artists are playing from balconies. It would not be a marketed event but would be recorded and played on social media. The idea would be to pay the performers \$50 each to play two or three songs to eliminate crowd gathering. The Commission discussed crowd gathering, profiling open businesses, funding and community spirit.

**Pete McDermott made a motion to approve \$500 to pay 10 musicians or cultural artists to do pop up performances in downtown Moline. Amanda Bautista seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Manis updated the Commission on what the Moline Centre Promotions Committee has been doing. They have been brainstorming on what to do during and post COVID-19 to help the community. The Commission will continue to brainstorm also. Manis also reported what he has been working on since COVID-19 and the closure of businesses.

### **AGENDA ITEM #5 – Other Business**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – Adjournment**

Pete McDermott made a motion to adjourn. Ajay Singh seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Fawn Schultz, Community & Economic Development Administrative Assistant.*