



**Moline Centre Main Street Commission
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 15th, 2020

**Moline City Hall/Teleconference Call
619 16th Street
Moline, IL 61265**

Commission Members Present

Dave Parker, City of Moline (2nd Ward Alderman)
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink
Matt Sivertsen, The Planning Center
Ajay Singh, Heart of America
Lora Adams, Black Box Theater

Commission Members Absent

Michelle Sparkman, Heart of America
Pete McDermott, McDermott Construction
Amanda Bautista, Café Fresh

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 March 19, 2020, amending Matt Sivertson being absent from the meeting and not calling the meeting to order was made by Ajay Singh. David Parker seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Manis reported that following the last meeting, Governor Pritzker made an order to ban all nonessential travel which legally impacted the pop up performances approved at the last meeting and listed in the minutes. Once the sanctions get lifted, Manis would like to revisit it again.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COVID – 19 Discussion

Manis stated City Council approved a divergence of funds from the Revolving Loan Fund for micro loans to small businesses in the City of Moline forced to close or severely impacted by COVID-19. The Revolving Loan Fund was in place for small businesses looking to open up a new business within the boundary areas of the City of Moline needing gap financing. The first round of funding for the micro loans was \$50,000 for ten \$5,000 loans at 1% interest. These loans all went to downtown businesses. The City Council then diverted another \$100,000 for a second round of an additional twenty \$5,000 loans at 1% interest. 26 checks have already been approved and delivered. Manis was also part of making phone calls to 300 plus hospitality businesses to inform them of the Hospitality Grants. Ajay Singh commended Alderman Parker, City Council and Geoff Manis for all their efforts in this. Alderman Parker commended Manis for all his hard work as well. Manis requested the Commission's opinion moving forward on virtual meetings versus teleconference meetings. The Commission was in favor of the teleconferences for now.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – John Deere Pavilion Trees Update

Manis updated the Commission on the John Deere Pavilion Trees. SSA #6 approved McClintock Excavating's bid to address the tree pits at John Deere Pavilion last Fall. Unfortunately, McClintock had to shut down his business due to COVID-19. Currently, it is unknown when they will be back to work. Manis is going to continue communications with McClintock Excavating to come together with a plan. Manis will also communicate with the Moline Community Development Corporation as they were going to do a fundraiser for the trees. The Commission discussed the current situation with the trees at the John Deere Pavilion and their thoughts on moving forward.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Bass Street Landing Improvements Update

Manis reported that some projects that were approved prior to the City's spending freeze will continue. This includes installation of two game tables (ping pong and chess) and the painting of the stage and umbrellas all at Bass Street Landing. These were all approved by SSA #5.

J Mahieu Painting will start this week painting the stage and blue steel umbrellas. The Commission discussed making sure the new game tables are in compliance with the Governor's stay-at-home order.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Follow-up from Previous Commission Meeting Agenda Items

None

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Director's Report

Mani updated the Commission that Bass Street Chop House has permanently seized operations and are closing the business due to the I-74 Bridge reconstruction and COVID-19 pandemic. Manis stated Downtown Moline was incredibly honored to have the Bass Street Chop House for all those years. Manis and the Commission discussed the property and how businesses are navigation through the COVID-19 pandemic in downtown Moline. Manis and the Commission also discussed the Thursday Night Summer Concert Series and creative ways to still have an event or events and possibly working with other Quad City downtown programs.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Other Business

Chelsey Hohensee reported that the general contractors began work on the pedestrian skywalk that connects Centre Station with the future passenger rail system.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Adjournment

Dave Parker made a motion to adjourn. Ajay Singh seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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