

Minutes
Moline Centre Main Street Commission
City Hall, 619 – 16th Street
Monday, August 20, 2012

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. The Commission met in regular session in the Committee of the Whole Meeting Room at City Hall.

Attendance: Those present were as follows:

Commission Members Present:

Patrick Burke
Frank Ege
Gary Freeman
Amy Trimble
Lori Turner
Hector Colon

Staff:

Pam Owens
Terri Smith
Rebecca Gall

Minutes: A correction to the July 16, 2012 minutes included moving Hector Colon and Gary Freeman from Staff to the Commission Members. Lori Turner made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections, Pat Burke seconded, motion accepted.

Budget Review: Pamela Owens had prepared a General Trust Fund Account Report (Discretionary Fund) for review. There was no discussion.

Coordinator's Report:

Pamela Owens reported the following:

1. Pam indicated that Main Street would pay for any conference session if any MCMS Board Member would like to attend the Illinois MS State Conference in Quincy. She has submitted nominations in 3 different categories for awards during that conference.
2. Pam reported a rise in attendance at our summer concerts. A discussion was held to possibly create a Programming Committee for future events. There were some obstacles this year with the inclusion of alcohol on the Plaza during these events. This matter was resolved through a partnership association with Bent River. We may want to include food with this event next year, but will have to have a discussion with our food inspector in the immediate future.
3. Pam announced that Moline Centre Main Street received the 2012 IDA Merit Award for our 5th Avenue Streetscape! Pam will pick up that award during the conference which is scheduled in late September.
4. September 26 – 28 is the Upper Mississippi River Conference at the new Riverfront Western Illinois University Campus. MS will be setting up a table for that event.

5. Pastor Dan of the First Lutheran Church in downtown Moline had contacted Pam regarding their October 7th, Crop Walk. He would like to partner with Moline Centre to promote this event. The event raises money to feed the hungry in the QC and throughout the world. The walk takes place in Illinois and Iowa. The Church will donate \$25 for each individual who signs up for the Crop Walk. Pat Burke made a motion was made to allow Pam to work with and promote the Crop Walk through Moline Center and Partner with First Lutheran regarding this event. Frank Ege seconded. Motion carried.
6. The QC Ballet will be presenting a production of Dracula on September 28 & 29th. They want to connect with downtown businesses and will attend the next Merchants Meeting to discuss.

Committee Reports:

No new business to report.

Events & Promotions:

1. Terri reported that the Girls' Whirl event is under way. Totes and coupons can be purchased at Lagomarcino's, Bent River, Isabel Bloom, The Scrapbooking Store, Watermark, & QCCVB. The Winedown party will be held at Stoney Creek on October 5, 2012.

New Business:

1. Terri Smith was elected Secretary as a result of the departure of Rhonda McKinley.
2. Lori Turner inquired about the Art/Statue placement in Moline. Pam indicated that the artist/manager had not returned a call to her after Pam had sent her an email. (Council did not second the motion to have art placed in the historic block)
3. A discussion on parking problems downtown took place. This is an ongoing issue and will be discussed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held September 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith