



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

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Moline City Hall's COW Conference Room/  
Teleconference Call  
619 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Moline, IL 61265**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Parker, City of Moline (2nd Ward Alderman)  
Eric VanSpeyBroeck, Rouse Consulting Group  
Amanda Bautista, Café Fresh  
Andrew Sivertsen, Planning Center  
Pete McDermott, McDermott Construction  
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink  
Lora Adams, Black Box Theater

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Mathias, City of Moline  
Ajay Singh, Heart of America

**STAFF PRESENT**

Geoff Manis

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

A motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2020, was made by Pete McDermott. Dave Parker seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – TaxSlayer Christmas Tree**

Manis stated that at the last meeting, he reported looking into putting a Christmas Tree up at the TaxSlayer Center where it would traditionally have been. He found a tree but found it challenging

to find a qualified contractor to take down the tree, haul it to the TaxSlayer and put the tree up. He presented a quote to the Commission that came in higher than anticipated. Manis also presented a quote for just decorating the tree if he could get Public Works to cut, haul and put the tree up, but it still came in high. The consensus of the Commission was not to put the tree up. Lora Adams suggested having lighting come down giving the effect of a tree. Manis will looking to the idea.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5 – DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Manis gave an update on everything he has been working on since the last meeting. The Holiday Pop Up is underway and it had a big volunteer event this past Saturday. MidAmerican is sponsoring the event and they, and their volunteers, are really excited about it. Manis explained that there is still money available that was designated for Lighting on the Commons and Holiday Hop. He suggested using it in 2021 for a bigger fireworks display at Lighting on the Commons or put it towards the first Thursday Night Summer Concert Series. The Commission liked both ideas. Manis also stated that he took down Outdoor Dining prior to the first forecasted two inches of snow. It was starting to be difficult to keep it all tidy and many people were asking for it to come down. He is looking into using CURES Funds to create parklets for outdoor dining. It would involve an RFP process, the invoice being paid and CURES Funds would reimburse the payment. Manis will work with the City’s Corporation Counsel, Derke Price, on moving this forward. Pete McDermott stated he looked at the curbs and parking spots and believes 4’ x 8’ modular parklets could be created economically. He and Manis will get together and discuss it. Manis reported that the City of Moline is using \$300,000 of CURES Funding for 60 bars and restaurants to each get \$5,000. This endeavor helps reduce the cost to the businesses of coming into or remaining in compliance with the Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan. Manis has been doing all of the public relations outreach on it. Dave Parker expressed his and the City Council’s appreciation for Geoff Manis and the work he has put into the quick turnaround of getting the CURES Funding into the hands of these businesses.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – OTHER BUSINESS**

Lora Adams reported that theaters were on the list of closures for Restore Illinois’ Tier 3 Mitigation. Manis stated that Moline City Hall will be closed for two weeks so he will be working from home during that time.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – ADJOURN**

Pete McDermott made a motion to adjourn. Eric VanSpeyBroeck seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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