



**Moline Centre Main Street Commission
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
4:05 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 20th, 2021

Commission Members Present

Chris Mathias, City of Moline
Ajay Singh, Heart of America
Andrew Sivertsen, Planning Center
Lora Adams, Black Box Theater
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink
Dave Parker, City of Moline (2nd Ward Alderman)
Eric VanSpeyBroeck, Rouse Consulting Group

Commission Members Absent

Pete McDermott, McDermott Construction
Amanda Bautista, Café Fresh

Staff Present

Geoff Manis

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020, was made by Dave Parker. Andrew Sivertsen seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Holiday Pop Up Report

Manis updated the Commission on the MidAmerican Energy Holiday Pop Up. He put together a thank you to present to MidAmerican Energy. There were many families that safely participated in the scavenger hunts. Not much money was spent on advertising and it still made a regional impact.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Planter RFP Update

Manis stated just prior to this meeting, SSA #6 met and considered the RFP's for the downtown planters. SSA #5 met on Monday. There was a discussion on whether flowers should be planted in 2021 as a community member brought up that Moline tax dollars should not be used to pay for flowers, and instead, should go to small businesses. Both boards discussed it and decided to proceed with flowers for 2021. Meyer Landscape was awarded the bid. This landscaping RFP is for three years instead of one. Manis is confident in Meyer Landscape and they have been a pleasure to work with. Quality Construction will continue to maintain the flowers throughout the year.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Summer Concert Series Discussion

Manis suggested pushing back the Thursday Night Summer Concert Series to July and extend it into the Fall just to be on the safe side with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Traditionally, the series run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Commission discussed and felt the series could be scheduled as normal but if the pandemic is an issue, the bands could either be added to the end of the season going into Fall or bands could be doubled up throughout the series. There was discussion on trying not to overlap Rock Island's concerts that occur after Labor Day Weekend on Thursday nights. Manis is going to advertise the series happening from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, and when the start is closer, he will come back to the Commission for approval to move forward. The Commission also discussed having the series start earlier and have two bands instead of one. Manis has done this in the past when a concert had to be cancelled. Manis is posturing an idea with River Music Experience to get some additional entertainment as well.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Director's Report

Manis stated Illinois Region 2 went from Tier 2 Mitigation to Tier 1 Mitigation very quickly. There was a lot of confusion from businesses on what they could or could not do. The Commission discussed the Merchants Meeting where the City's Attorney and Mayor Acri explained how Moline would work to keep businesses open if Region 2 were to move back. Manis explained that he is still working towards having parklets. The Black Hawk College Apprenticeship Program is very interested in creating parklets but do not have the ability to make them all. Manis explained that Pete McDermott with McDermott Construction is interested in assisting to create the prototype with them.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Adjourn

Dave Parker made a motion to adjourn. Eric VanSpeyBroeck seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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