

SSA #6 Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
3:00 p.m.

Zoom:

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Minutes

Board Members Present:

Lora Adams, Black Box Theatre
Ajay Singh, Heart of America
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink
Larry Anderson, Moline Glass

Board Members Absent:

Mark Roemer, Property Owner
Peter McDermott, McDermott Construction

Staff Present:

Geoff Manis
Tara Osborne

Guests:

None

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes

Singh made a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 Meeting minutes. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Landscape RFP Review

Manis stated a community member expressed concern that Moline tax dollars should not be used to pay for the downtown flowers in 2021. Instead, he felt, the money should go to downtown small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Manis explained the SSA #5 Board discussed and decided to proceed with the downtown flowers for 2021. The SSA #6 Board, which is made up of downtown stakeholders, discussed and felt that was once the money was divvied up to all the businesses, there would not be much to go around. Also, with outdoor dining season coming up, it is important to have the aesthetics in place, especially when competing with neighboring downtowns. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with the downtown flowers for 2021. Manis stated, with the combined SSA #5 and #6 bids combined, Meyer Landscape came in at \$11,281 and Turner Landscape came in at \$21,303. Unlike other years, this landscaping RFP is for three years instead of one. The RFP was sent to nine landscapers in the Quad Cities but only two bids were received as opposed to four last year. SSA #5 met on Monday and awarded the bid to Meyer Landscape. Manis stated Meyer Landscape has had the bid for the last three years and they have done a very adequate job. This would be Turner Landscape's first government agreement on flowers as they generally do residential contracts. Manis also stated the hanging planters on River Drive were also included in the bid and Quality Construction will continue to maintain all the downtown flowers throughout the year. Discussion was had about having planters around the Element Hotel in the future.

Hohensee made a motion to award the three-year landscaping bid to Meyers Landscape and Design based on the proposal received. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – YTD Budget

Manis presented the year to date budget. Osborne explained the numbers presented are reconciled through October. She also provided an estimated year end on revenues and expenses to the Board. Discussion was had.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Other Business

Manis explained that he facilitated a meeting with downtown merchants, downtown restaurant owners and the City's Corporation Counsel. The Mayor also attended the meeting. Manis stated Illinois Region 2 went from Tier 2 Mitigation to Tier 1 Mitigation very quickly. It created a quick move to indoor dining. The City's Corporation Counsel and Mayor explained to the meeting attendees how Moline is going to continue to work to keep businesses open even if Region 2 were to move backwards.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Adjournment

Singh made a motion to adjourn at 3:47 p.m. Hohensee seconded the motion. Motion was carried and approved by all members.

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