



**Moline Centre Main Street Commission
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 15th, 2021
4:00 p.m.**

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Meeting ID: 856 4822 5384

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Commission Members Present

Nick Bowes, Bent River Brewing Co
James Patrick Schmidt, City of Moline (Alderman At-Large)
Eric VanSpeyBroeck, Rouse Consulting Group
Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink
Ajay Singh, Heart of America
Christiana Headley, Splash
Pete McDermott, McDermott Construction
Andrew Sivertsen, Planning Center
Lora Adams, Black Box Theater
Anamaria Rocha, Mercado on Fifth

Commission Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Geoff Manis

Others Present

None

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2021, was made by Eric VanSpeyBroeck. James Patrick Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Summer Concert Series Report

Manis reported SSA #5 tabled the 17th Street cul-de-sac repaving/patching discussion so that is not on this agenda. The Thursday Night Summer Concert Series has ended. There were 14 events in total. One was postponed but still took place. The turnout exceeded expectations, however, once school was in session, attendance declined. This does not help the vendors who prepare for a larger crowd. Manis would like to do 12 concerts instead of 14. Current concerts start after Memorial Day and end before labor day. Manis wanted to get the Commission's thoughts on when to start and end the concerts. Discussion was had. Manis also reported \$10,500 was fundraised for the Concert Series and \$10,000 had been budgeted. Any additional funds are used to enhance/improve the plaza experience. The funds from this year will be used to replace the festoon lights. Manis is looking into having the new lights sync to music and change colors for holiday and wedding themes.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Holiday Events Update

Manis reported Lighting on the Commons will take place November 20th. Holiday Hop will be spread over two days this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic and will take place on November 12th and November 13th. Moline Centre SSA #6's Holiday Hop and Lighting on the Commons funds from 2021 were unspent and moved to reserves due to cancellation of those events. Manis would like to use some of those funds this year to compliment promotions and infrastructure for Holiday Hop and Lighting on the Commons due to the extension of Holiday Hop over two days and COVID-19 protocols. Discussion was had.

Ajay Singh made a motion to use SSA #6 reserve funds that were unspent from Holiday Hop and Lighting on the Commons in 2020 to be used for those 2021 events not to exceed \$10,000. Christiana Headley seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Director's Report

Manis discussed possibly putting up festoon lights on 5th Avenue that would complement Mercado on Fifth and other holidays and events.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Adjourn

Anamaria Rocha made a motion to adjourn. Chelsey Hohensee seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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