

Minutes
Moline Centre Main Street Commission
City Hall, 619 – 16th Street
Monday, December 17, 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
Jim Ohern
Gary Freeman
Lori Turner
Hector Colon

Commission Members Absent

Amy Trimble

Staff Members Present

Pam Owens
Terri Smith
Rebecca Gall

Minutes: Pat Burke made a motion to approve the minutes and Lori Turner seconded. Motion accepted.

Budget Report:

Pamela Owens reported the following:

1. Pam passed out budget reports for both SSA #5 and SSA #6, which included Y-T-D numbers for 2012 and preliminary numbers for 2013. These reports reflected SSA #5 2012 YTD numbers coming in under budget at approximately \$7,043 and SSA #6 2012 YTD numbers also coming in under budget at approximately \$15,200. Updated reports will be presented at our January meeting.
2. On the SSA #6 budget, Pam pointed out the line of credit had been increased to 1.2 million dollars. This money will be utilized for the 5th Avenue Streetscape project (Payments towards this project as of December 2012 leave a remaining balance at \$470,909.99). \$100,000 from this account will be withdrawn each year to assist in the payment of the Streetscape.
3. Projected income for SSA #5 should increase in 2013 as a result of rental income from the Center Ice Skating Rink and an increase in weddings and special events. Terri prepared a spreadsheet showing 2013 projected income to be around \$13,500.

Coordinator's Report:

Pamela Owens reported the following:

1. Merchant meetings have been very successful, with higher attendance this year. We want to continue meeting on a monthly basis with all of the downtown merchants in order to maintain communication with our business owners and to assist them with any issues that may arise.
2. Phillips Lofts has begun renting out space in their building. A new restaurant is projected to move into their lower level in April. We understand that it will be an organic foods, farm-to-table restaurant, using locally grown products.
3. Another new restaurant, The Barrel House, is slated to open in the Morrow Building in April.

Committee Reports;

Nothing to report at this time.

Events & Promotions:

1. MCMS will be assisting downtown businesses with a New Years events promotion. Businesses that are having specials for the New Year are encouraged to send that information to us so that we can market that prior to this event. A Christmas eblast was sent out last week for those businesses that are offering specials for this holiday.
2. A discussion ensued regarding the new ice skating rink on The BSL Plaza (Center Ice). Jim Ohern reported that he had been down there with family to skate and encountered several issues. Pam indicated that the rink has run into many problems since their opening and they are in the process of working out those kinks.
3. Rebecca gave an update on the BOG (Business Owners Guide). She is in the process of producing information for this brochure which is targeted for distribution by the end of January 2013. Pat Burke suggested that we also try and create an on-line version of the BOG. The goal of MCMS is to meet with all downtown business owners next year and present them with this new brochure. Several of the MCMS Board Members indicated an interest in attending the meetings with us.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

The next meeting will be held January 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Smith