



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

**Wednesday, October 17th, 2018**

**4:00 p.m.**

**The Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce  
1601 River Drive, Suite 310  
Moline, IL**

*The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. The Commission met in regular session in the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce offices.*

**Commission Members Present:** Matt Sivertsen, The Planning Center; Chelsey Hohensee, Metrolink; Jeff Anderson, City of Moline (Staff); (HOA); Peter McDermott, McDermott Construction, Dave Parker, City of Moline (2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman), Lora Adams, Black Box Theater

**Staff Present:** Adam Guthrie, Moline Centre/Quad Cities Chamber

**Commission Members Absent:** Dave Fortin, DF2 Consulting; Ajay Singh, Heart of America

**Guests Present:** Amanda Bautista Café Fresh

### **Agenda Item #1 - Call To Order**

The Moline Centre Main Street Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **Agenda Item #2 - Public Comment**

Amanda introduced herself; she is the owner of Café Fresh and the new DIY Craft Lounge. Amanda questioned if we have too much of a “bar” scene in the Moline Centre. She stated she would like to see mix of business providing multiple reasons to come to the Moline Centre. Also, she would like to see more family oriented activates and business, as well as boutiques and niche shops.

### **Agenda Item #3 - Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 17th, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept these minutes was made by Chelsey, Pete seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #4 - Filling the two existing Board positions**

Lora Adams introduced herself as the owner of the Black Box Theater. Adam informed the board the Mayor Acri had appointed Lora to the SSA6 and Main Street Commission



at the Moline City Council meeting 10-16-2018. Amanda will be appointed to the Main Street Commission at the City Council meeting 10-23-2018. After Amanda's appointment the Main Street Commission Board will be at capacity.

#### **Agenda Item #5 - I-74 Future Update**

Adam gave an update on Merchants meeting regarding the I74 bridge construction from 10-11-2018, at the Stoney Creek Inn. Between Spring of 2019 and Thanksgiving of 2019 all west bound bridge traffic starting at Avenue of the Cities will be pushed down 19<sup>th</sup> street to the River Drive exit. Adam stated that this is great opportunity for Moline Centre, as we will be experiencing more traffic moving at a slower rate. The discussion turned to how we can capture this traffic, and turn it into business. Ideas included signage at the gateways, including 19<sup>th</sup> street and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> avenues. The Board agreed it should be part of the 2019 work plan to turn this influx in traffic into an influx of business.

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Committee Reports**

- SIT (Streetscape, Infrastructure & Transportation):
  1. Should a City Alderman be present at the SSA5 and SSA6 meetings? Dave Parker stated he would look into it.
- ED: No report at this time
- Design Committee: No report at this time
- Promotions – Update on Moline Centre Events
  1. Holiday Hop will take place on November 9 at 4pm. A trolley has been hired and will pick up beginning at Stoney Creek Inn. Will have 8 stops with signage at each. Goal of 42. This year an ice sculptor and music will be added to the Holiday Hop
  2. Lighting of the Commons will take place on November 17. Lighting of the Tree, several children activities, horse drawn carriage, fireworks and Santa will be the draws this year.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Director's Report**

- Analog II is moving into the old "The Venue" on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Looking to open in early 2019.
- Galena Brewery is opening a taproom in old Ducky's building.



- Baked and Urban Farmhouse moving into the Q.
- Axis Hotel moving in next year
- VIPs moving into the old Van's building
- New bar and restaurant to move into the old Steele Head and Ice Skating location
- Flutter is moving back to downtown Moline from LeClaire.
- Adam shared his idea for a beautification project in the form of a pocket Park

**Agenda Item #9 - Other Business**

None

Agenda Item #10 - Adjourn

Chelsey Hohensee made a motion to adjourn. Matt seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted Adam Guthrie.*

**Next meeting scheduled for November 21st, 2018**