RiverFront Program and Policy Advisory Committee (RPPAC) Meeting
Minutes from the meeting
Held Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at 11:30am

The Gateway Building – 200 N.E. Water St., Peoria, IL

Members Present: Susie Stockman, Sharon Gramm, Kaci Geier, Pat Sullivan, Robert Johnson, Jim Waller, Greg Rashid, Matt Ryan

City of Peoria Staff Present: Leslie McKnight,

Peoria Park District Staff Present: Nick Conrad, Brittany Moldenhauer

Members Absent: Mike Wisdom

Others Present: Susie Stockman called the meeting to order at 11:35am. Discussion followed on meeting location. Suggestion to stay at the Gateway Building.

Yay: Sharon Gramm, Kaci Geier, Robert Johnson

Nay: Pat Sullivan, Matt Ryan

Abstain: Greg Rashid, Susie Stockman, Jim Waller

Decision was made to stay at the Gateway Building for the next few meetings and Brittany will cater in. She will email the week prior to the meeting to make the lunch order.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 25th meeting.

Robert Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Kaci Geier. Motion approved unanimously.

Update on the City of Peoria Public Meeting on the RiverFront Village Plans

Greg Rashid gave an update on the City planning meeting that he and a number of committee member attended regarding the RiverFront Village demolition. He noted the actually tearing down of the building will not happen until October.

Leslie McKnight added information from Kim Smith, Sr. Urban Planner on the RiverFront Village demo project. There is a survey on planpeoria.com to gain insight on the two designs presented at the meeting. Based upon the info that has been gathered up to this point, public works is working with the designers to have more flex space, permeable pavers, reconfiguring green space to address issues such as flooding, and parking (where they can add additional spaces). Caterpillar has a new liaison on the RiverFront development project. In the process of preparing bid specs to the project can be bid out. Kim is working on a final report for the planning committee which will be available in the next 30 days.

Additional discussion continued regarding the project including a Master Plan for the RiverFront. It was suggested to invite Scott Reece from Public Works to the June RPPAC meeting.
RiverFront Events

Nick Conrad gave an update on the success of Wing Fest.

Kaci Geier gave an update on the success of Mardi Gras in May. She gave a background on how/why the PACVB has started creating and producing events.

Nick Conrad gave an update on the 5/19 & 5/20 concerts on the RiverFront. 5/20 – Nelly was the first sellout crowd in Festival Park (10,000 advanced sales). Used Metal detectors and wands for the first time – overall it was a success. Additional discussion continued about these two concerts. Hotels were sold out, 66% of tickets were purchased outside the area, City was flooded with noise complaint calls on the East Bluff and East Peoria.

Upcoming Events

Louie Louie, Memorial Day Celebration, Boat Drunks, DMTB, Jazz and Art Festival, Steamboat Days/Classic.

Summary Report – (attached)

Leslie McKnight went over the report from City of Peoria Finance showing the City of Peoria Event Permit Requests that have come through their office (to date). She then went over the different committees/Commissions the City of Peoria has appointed currently with a brief description of their role. She went on to give a brief overview of the Tourism Reserve Fund and the breakdown of HRA tax budget. Discussion continued on the HRA tax.

Update on the St. Jude Event

Sharon Gramm talked about the activities planned surrounding the St. Jude run to Peoria date (August 5th). Family activities around the Peoria Civic Center 1-5pm. Shuttles, restaurant involvement. Discussion continued.

New Ideas

Pat Sullivan introduced his idea to partner with Thyme on August 20th to do a fundraiser for WTVP. Band, close State Street on Sunday afternoon into the evening.

Other

RiverFront Market Opened

Zaggster Bike Share

Meeting was adjourned