A regular meeting of the Downtown Advisory Commission was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. 403 NE Jefferson, Peoria, IL, with Chairman Mark Misselhorn presiding and with proper notice having been given.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call confirmed the following Commissioners physically present: Mark Misselhorn, Ray Lees, Jon Jenkins, Becky Frye, Paige Dodson

Absent: Alma Brown, Katy Shackelford, John Gibson, President Gary Roberts

City Staff Present: Chris Setti, Leslie McKnight, Anthony Corso

Council Members: Denise Moore

Chairman Misselhorn thanked Peoria Area Chamber/ Downtown Development Corporation for hosting the Commission meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lees motioned for approval of the minutes of the regular Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC) meeting held on December 14, 2017 with a correction on page 3 to change the name Molly Beth Rice to Molly Crusen Bishop; seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL FREILINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON DDC ACTIVITIES

Mr. Freilinger discussed the new location of the Downtown Development Corporation, Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Peoria EDC. He discussed the announcement by OSF to occupy the Chase Bank Building and how important the State of Illinois Historic Tax Credits are to the redevelopment of the site. He also stated that there are over 100-200 new units in the Warehouse District. The new Downtown Development Corporation (DDC) website is now up and running, http://peoriadowntowndevelopment.com/. He noted that the DDC is partnering with the Downtown Advisory Commission and Bradley University to have Bradley students conduct a baseline survey completed by the end of the Bradley University’s spring session.

Council Member Denise Moore was recognized by DAC Chair Misselhorn.
ANNOUNCEMENT AND DISCUSSION BY SHARON GRAMM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERFRONT ASSOCIATION ON INAUGURAL WINTER RIVERFRONT MARKET

Ms. Gramm announced the Inaugural Winter Riverfront Market will be held on January, 20, 2018 at the Riverstation Building, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. So far, 30 vendors have signed up. Items for sale include meat and winter produce. The Blue Duck will be open for brunch and live music.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE RYAN SPAIN (OSF) WAS RECOGNIZED BY CHAIRMAN MISSELHORN AND ASKED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE RECENT OSF ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE CHASE BANK BUILDING

Rep. Spain stated that OSF will relocate their corporate headquarters to the downtown Chase Bank Building. OSF has 13 hospitals in Illinois, one in Michigan and is the largest employer in Peoria. The Central Office building (Chase) will have 700-800 employees in the building. The Chase Bank building is one of the oldest downtown buildings, built in 1905.

I TEAM UPDATES BY ANTHONY CORSO, CHIEF OFFICER

Mr. Corso discussed that the I Team is funded through a Bloomberg grant and his team works with residents, businesses, and stakeholders on issues and solutions related to the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). His team incorporates best practices based on local needs. He discussed system thinking strategies such as Opportunity Youth, Stormwater Farm, and Neighborhood Scale Economic Development. His office is also involved in a peer exchange to Des Moine, IA regarding regional collaboration opportunities and cross sector partnerships.

UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT REEISE REGARDING RIVERFRONT VILLAGE AND DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING

Director Reeise stated that public works has accepted bids to tear down the Riverfront Village platform. A recommendation should go to Council for their January 23, 2018 meeting or early February. Nick Stoffer, Public Works spoke about the Downtown Wayfinding Plan and the release of a Request for Proposal. The Plan should be completed by June of this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Denise Moore talked about the OSF project and more housing demand in the Warehouse District.

ADJOURNMENT

The Downtown Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:53 p.m. Motioned by Commissioner Lees; seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next meeting is February 8, 2018

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