Minutes from the RiverFront Program and Policy Advisory Committee (RPPAC) Meeting

Held Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 11:30am

Gateway Building – 200 NE Water St., Peoria, IL

Susie Stockman called the meeting to order 11:32am.

Roll Call:

Members Present:  Robert Johnson, Greg Rashid, Rachel Colgin, Sharon Gramm, Susie Stockman

Staff Present:  Brittany Moldenhauer – Peoria Park District

Members Absent:  Pat Sullivan, Matt Ryan, Mike Wisdom, Jim Waller

Welcome:

Approval of Minutes from 9/26/2017:  Motion: Robert Johnson  Second: Greg Rashid

Motion Carried – Minutes Approved

Old Business

1. Update on RiverFront events September 27 – October 23


Brittany M.:  Whiskeydaddle Games and Marathon October 7-8. Overall it was good. Weather was not cooperative for the games on Saturday. Participation in the races was up by 30% from the previous year and over 900 have signed up for the 2018 races already – dates are October 6-7 in 2018.

Robert J.:  Getting around the city was hard for many people due to the road closures for the marathon and races on Saturday. Susie Stockman concurred adding many businesses didn’t have any notice about the closings.

Sharon G.:  There was info shared on facebook about the road closures (she shared it on her page). It was a bit last minute and may need to go out earlier and to the businesses directly.

Susie S.:  I think communication was lacking considering the feedback given at Rotary.

Discussion continued.

Susie S.:  Noted the RiverFront Market was closed for the season. Santa Parade is Thursday, November 24th at 10:00am. 130th Annual Parade – Oldest parade in the Nation. Yule Walk that evening 6pm-9pm.

Discussion continued.

Robert J:  PPD Events – upcoming?
Brittany M.: Listed the upcoming Halloween events as well as the Christmas Holiday events. Talked about “gifting an experience.”

2. Upcoming Events – 2018 Outlook

Susie S.: PACE is once again partnering with Tailgate N Tallboys for Steamboat Festival weekend.

Brittany M.: Announced Old Dominion and John Pardi for Steamboat Days.

Susie S.: Anything added to the Park District Schedule?

Brittany M.: No, we are going to focus on developing each event more. Look at utilizing technology to streamline our processes.

Robert J.: This year has been a challenging year for the Park District financially. We have a significant budget deficit that has to be rectified. We are looking at cuts in programming, facilities, etc.

Discussion continued.

3. Update on City’s timeline for RiverFront Village demolition

Sharon G.: No Update – Still saying it will come down in December

Discussion continued.

4. Update on City of Peoria public events spreadsheet

None

5. Any other ideas out there

Robert J.: Is the Civic Center having the ice skating rink again? (Winterfest)

Susie S.: Yes, it will open the day of the Parade, November 24th.

Sharon G.: They are planning a ball drop for New Year’s Eve this year.

New Business

2018 Meeting dates – Approved

Committee Projects

None

Next meeting: January 23rd, 2018

Greg R.: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Susie S. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.