



RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue
Council Chambers – Room 205
989.399.1311
February 13, 2024
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Chair Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Abraham Allen, Erin Andrus, Martin Chelekis, Carrie Davis, Mark Fischer, Mike Hanley, Brian Keenan-Lechel, John Moton, Manager Morales, Robert Gollin
Absent: Aaron Bedford, John Humphreys, Tom Miller, Vee Murugan, Travis Hare

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Keenan-Lechel, seconded by Commissioner Chelekis to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes. Motion approved.

Commissioner Murugan entered the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CHAIR REPORT:

Chair Fischer introduced new commissioner Carrie Davis. Commissioner Davis is spoke on her background and job experience.

REPORTS:

- **SVRC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner Davis presented donor wall options and spoke on the different variations. Discussion was held on solicitation of stakeholder donations. The commission consented that Style A would be the best option.

- **SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL**

No report.

- **CITY MANAGER**

Manager Morales reported on meetings with Studio Gang and Scape regarding the riverfront. A multi-use structure was discussed, as well as topography to encourage gathering areas. He reported that work continues to place more cameras in Old Town and there may be 2-4 of them leased through the summer months. Preparations for the Memorial Cup continue, and a hockey sculpture will be placed at the corner of Johnson and Washington.

- **DDA/Old Town/Land Bank**

No report.

- **RIVERFRONT LOOP**

Manager Morales reported that he talked with Scape about the loop and that they are interested in completing it. Obtaining easements along the river presents a challenge.

- **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

Discussion was held on how to proceed with the chair seat being vacant. Manager Morales stated that there might be a fund balance remaining and that he will verify. He also stated that an option would be to focus back on the riverfront and coordinate with the DDA.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Commissioner Hanley, seconded by Commissioner Moton to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Recorded by,

Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk