



RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue
Council Chambers – Room 205
989.399.1311
May 14, 2024
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

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

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

A quorum was not present at the time of roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CHAIR REPORT:

None.

Commissioner Keenan-Lechel entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

REPORTS:

- **SVRC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner Hare reported that the project is complete, except for the gabion baskets. The baskets are still planned and are being grown. Commissioner Keenan-Lechel reported the remaining funds are at the Saginaw Community Foundation.

Commissioner Andrus entered the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Commissioner Humphreys entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

- **SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL**

No report.

- **CITY MANAGER**

Manager Morales reported that the ribbon cutting for the warming house at Hoyt Park is May 31 at 1:00 p.m. and that the drive should be completed by then.

He reported that as of April 10, the balance in the RFDC Clean-up fund was approximately \$7,600 and that these funds are tied to Beautification Day.

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Commissioner Gollin reported that approximately \$700 was used for the most recent clean up events in May.

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

Commissioner Hensley reported that the beautification flowerpots should be installed by the Memorial Cup. Discussion was held regarding the location of the placements.

Commissioner Gollin reported that the painting on the silos in Old Town has begun. Commissioner Humphreys stated that there would be a ribbon cutting on June 2, with a concert and food trucks at 6:00 p.m.

- **RIVERFRONT LOOP**

No report.

- **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

Commissioner Gollin reported that two peninsulas were beautified at the clean-up events on May 11 and 17.

- **MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Andrus reported that she will work on obtaining quotes for the marker for Les Tincknell.

Discussion was held regarding the purpose of the commission. Collaborative efforts to obtain grant funding were mentioned as an option, with the possibility of identifying one potential project a year.

Coordinating a commission sponsored event was discussed. Collaboration with the DDA, Pride, and the Friends of Hoyt Park was mentioned to help coordinate and market any events that may be agreed upon. Manager Morales stated that many scheduled events are still in need of volunteers.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Commissioner Gollin, seconded by Commissioner Chelekis to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Recorded by,

Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk