



## RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue  
Council Chambers – Room 205  
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May 13, 2025  
MINUTES

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

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

Present: Abraham Allen, Erin Andrus Carrie Davis, Steve Hensley, John Humphreys, Brian Keenan-Lechel, John Moton, Vee Murugan, Robert Gollin, Travis Hare

Absent: Aaron Bedford, Martin Chelekis, Joshua Daniels, Steve Gerhardt, Mark Fischer, Jacinta Seals, Kevin Rooker, Tim Morales,

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Gollin, seconded by Commissioner Moton to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes. Motion approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

### **CHAIR REPORT:**

Chair Humphreys reported that he received some history on the commission from Carol Cottrell and learned that this is the commission's 25<sup>th</sup> year.

### **REPORTS:**

- **SVRC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner Davis reported that the design is complete, and she will be following up for final pricing for the markers. Discussion was held on facilitating the installation of the markers.

- **MEDICAL DIAMOND**

Commissioner Hare reported that Consumers is breaking ground after July 4. Building sites will begin breaking ground in early spring 2026. The railroad crossing will be abandoned this year and Water Street will be vacated next year. He stated that there will be a cul-de-sac at the end of Water Street south of the AT&T building.

- **CITY MANAGER**

No report.

- **DDA/Old Town**

Commissioner Hensley reported that the DDA website is currently being updated. The DDA budget is on the next Council agenda and has increased slightly from last

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year. He stated that there is a new program for public arts grants that the DDA will be managing. The grant application period will start on October 1 and close on February 1, with those awarded funds having from April to September to commence and complete the project.

- **RIVERFRONT LOOP**

No report.

- **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

No report.

Discussion was held on adding Ojibway Island as an agenda item for updates. Chair Humphreys stated that there were eight commissioners interested in attending the Ojibway Island Committee meetings to offer support from the commission and discuss ideas to enhance the island.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Discussion was held on the draft biography for Les Tincknell's memorial marker as presented by Commissioner Andrus.

**ADJOURN:**

Moved by Commissioner Moton, seconded by Commissioner Keenan-Lechel to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Recorded by,

Kristine Bolzman  
City Clerk