



## RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue  
Council Chambers – Room 205  
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January 11, 2022  
DRAFT MINUTES

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

Chair Andrus called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Abraham Allen, Erin Andrus, Martin Chelekis, Carol Cottrell, Mark Fischer, Mike Hanley, Brian Keenan-Lechel, John Moton, Tim Morales, Travis Hare, Robert Gollin  
Excused: Aaron Bedford, Clint Bryant, Fred Czerewko, Glenn Fitkin, John Humphreys  
Absent: Tom Miller, Herb Spence

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair Andrus introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Mike Hanley.

Chair Andrus announced the election of officers as our first business and historically the Vice Chair advances to the Chair position. Vice Chair Fischer stated that he would accept the Chair position.

Commissioner Spence entered the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Hanley, seconded by Commissioner Cottrell to appoint Vice Chair Fischer as Chair. Motion approved.

Chair Andrus opened nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Allen nominated Commissioner Moton. Commissioner Moton accepted the nomination. Chair Andrus called for nominations two more times. Chair Andrus closed the nominations.

Moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Gollin to appoint Commissioner Moton as Vice Chair. Motion approved.

The meeting was turned over to the new Chair Fischer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Hare, seconded by Commissioner Cottrell to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes. Motion approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

### **CHAIR REPORT:**

Chair Fischer stated his appreciation of being elected Chair of the Commission.

**REPORTS:**

- **SVRC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioners Andrus and Keenan-Lechel reported that donor packets have been created with a \$250.00 minimum. They will continue to present to businesses and organizations.

- **SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL**

Commissioner Keenan-Lechel reported that additional grant funding is being applied for.

- **RFDC 20-YEAR MASTER PLAN**

Commissioner Gollin commented that work on the RFDC Master Plan should continue with the focus of fitting into the City's Master Plan. The RFDC Master Plan could be a 10-year Plan. Commissioners consented to adding this back on the agenda.

- **CITY MANAGER**

Manager Morales reported on several projects and the work regarding the ARPA process and funding eligibility.

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

No report.

- **RIVERFRONT LOOP**

No report.

- **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

No report. Chair Fischer reminded the Commission that this event is being planned for May 2022.

- **RIVERWALK MARKERS**

Commissioner Andrus reported that work narratives are being drafted for the signs.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Chair Fischer announced that the next meeting will be February 8.

**ADJOURN:**

Moved by Commissioner Andrus, seconded by Commissioner Hanley to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC  
City Clerk