



## RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue  
Council Chambers – Room 205  
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January 10, 2023  
MINUTES

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

Chair Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Abraham Allen, Aaron Bedford, Clint Bryant, Martin Chelekis, Carol Cottrell, Mark Fischer, Robert Gollin, Mike Hanley, Travis Hare, Brian Keenan-Lechel

Excused: John Humphreys, John Moton

Absent: Erin Andrus, Fred Czerewko, Tom Miller, Tim Morales

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair Fischer announced that according to the by-laws the election of officers is done at the January meeting.

Commissioners Andrus and Miller entered the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Cottrell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to elect Chair Fischer as Chair. Chair Fischer agreed to remain in the Chair position. Motion approved.

Moved by Commissioner Chelekis, seconded by Commissioner Miller to postpone the election of a Vice Chair until the February meeting. Motion approved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Cottrell, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes. Motion approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Colleen Brown introduced herself to the Commission. She is the manager of Elissa Rose. She is looking to be more involved in the community.

### **CHAIR REPORT:**

Chair Fischer announced the resignations of charter members Glenn Fitkin and Herb Spence. Commissioners gave consent to send them a letter of gratitude and to submit a request for a special recognition to be given from the Mayor.

### **REPORTS:**

- **SVRC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner Keenan-Lechel reported that he met with City Staff Bob Gollin, Cassi Zimmerman, Beth London and Travis Hare regarding the SVRT to Iron Belle

connection. Specifically, city staff indicated they would check on costs for a connector trail to the trail in Wickes Park to the southeast corner of the Center St. Bridge, as well as checking into signage and painting requirements for Salt Street, Holmes Street, and W. Michigan Avenue. It was also stated that this project will be on the Council agenda for ARPA funding approval at the January 13 regular meeting and Strategic Planning Session.

- **SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL**

No report.

City Manager Morales entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

- **RFDC MASTER PLAN - DESIGN GUIDE**

Commissioner Gollin reported that project priorities need to be identified and updated in the Plan.

- **CITY MANAGER**

Manager Morales reported that City Council will conduct a Strategic Planning Session and a regular meeting on January 13, 2023. ARPA funding updates will be presented by Guidehouse and City Staff will present City projects that are recommended for ARPA funding. The projects included the Ojibway Island Restoration, RFDC Gateway Project, Cemeteries Drainage and Chapel Updates, and the parking lot repair over the waste basin at Hamilton and Court Streets.

Commissioner Bedford left the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

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

Commissioner Miller reported the following:

- The DDA is reviewing the TIF structuring for amendment that will increase the base amount; and
- New staff hired at Saginaw Future that will assist the DDA.

- **RIVERFRONT LOOP**

No report.

- **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

Commissioner Bryant reported that they are coordinating with the Team Up to Clean Up event.

- **RIVERWALK MARKERS**

Commissioner Andrus reported that she needs to confirm if the payment has been processed and the markers should be installed in the spring of 2023.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Commissioner Cottrell reported that the Art & About team will focus on sculptures for permanent placement on the Riverwalk corridor. Commissioners agreed that Art & About project should be back on the May agenda for follow-up.

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Chair Fischer announced that the next meeting will be February 14, 2023.

**ADJOURN:**

Moved by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cottrell to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC  
City Clerk