

October 9, 2018 – Riverfront Management Council

CITY RIVERFRONT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting held Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The meeting of the Riverfront Management Council of the City of Jamestown, New York, was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Those present representing the Council were:

Jade Barber

John Bauer

Russ Diethrick

Kimberly Ecklund

Luke Fodor

Grayson Holt

Twan Leenders

Jennifer Lumia

Billy Stevenson

Absent Members:

Dave Anderson

Anna Burt

Vanessa Weinert

Aubrey Russell

Others Present:

Bill Rice, City of Jamestown Principal Planner (outgoing)

Crystal Surdyk, City of Jamestown Principal Planner (incoming)

The meeting was called to order by Bill Stevenson.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Luke Fodor seconded by Twan Leenders to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting. Carried.

Opportunity For Persons to Address Council

None

Reports of Committees and Projects

Bill Rice and Crystal Surdyk provided an update on the Riverwalk Extension project between Harrison and Institute Streets.

Billy talked with Dave Spann regarding railings.

Twan said he has not heard any updates on projects yet.

Billy asked Bill Rice about land on the south side of the river and if he could say anything about it. Bill Rice said he can't comment and that the intent is to have people on the southwest side of the river and without the city having control of the land, nothing can be done.

Billy asked Twan about whether Bed Tax funding could be available. Twan said he wants to get out with Dave in the next week or two for landscaping ideas and will be sending out more information soon.

Twan asked about plans for the Warner Dam and Main St. bridge, as the rapids are very strong there. Kim said the project is supposed to wrap up at the end of construction season – estimating sometime in November – but said there is no definite answer. Billy said the workers were pouring concrete recently.

Riverfront Event Discussion

Kim said that the Babe Ruth World Series went well from a PR standpoint. There were lots of happy participants and visitors.

Kim mentioned the Soapbox Derby is coming up this weekend.

Russ said a lot of people who have been visiting have been exploring the area.

Billy said things are on target with the rollout of the National Comedy Center. Lots of great reviews and happy visitors and good crowds, although mostly on the weekends.

The Chautauqua Belle has been at McCrea Point. According to Billy, they said they were leery of getting into the slip but it worked out. The BPU is working on getting power down to the slip so that the boat can be kept there and the owner is looking forward to the spring and doing trips out of McCrea Point before the Chautauqua Institution season.

John asked who has been installing electric car charging stations he has seen. Billy and Luke replied that it was the BPU.

Jennifer asked about the Gateway Lofts and whether the RMC has an official stance on the project. Jennifer said in a *Post-Journal* article that Amy Rohler had mentioned some resistance from the city. Luke said that the parking variance is an issue and code requires more parking spaces than the United Way believes will be necessary, due to the fact that many of the occupants of the proposed projects would not have vehicles. Billy and Twan

both said they don't believe there would be any reason for the RMC to be against the project.

Jennifer Lumia made a motion to adjourn at 5:28. John Bauer seconded.