

MINUTES  
TOURISM COMMISSION  
April 4, 2019  
4:00 p.m.-4th Floor Conference Room

CITY CLERK  
2019 APR -5 PM 3:44

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jim Lehr	(01-00)	03/13/22
	Gary Westcott Jr	(01-00)	03/13/22
	Benjamin Fliegel	(01-00)	03/13/20
	Richard DeShon	(03-01)	03/13/21
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Matt Robertson	(07-05)	03/13/20

STAFF PRESENT:

Ted Elo, Assistant City Attorney  
Clint Thompson, Planning & Community Dev Director  
Rebecca Shipp, Executive Secretary  
Bill McMurray-Mayor

**Call to Order** –Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Lehr-present, Westcott-present, Fliegel –present, Robertson-absent, DeShon-present

Quorum is present. Three members constitute a quorum.

Postponements/adjustments to the agenda – None

**OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURISM COMMISSION**

Thompson explained the Tourism Commission is a recommending body to the City Council. The procedure for bringing requests to the City Council was discussed among Commissioners

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Lehr made a motion to elect DeShon Chairman. Westcott seconded.

There were no other nominations

**VOTE:** Lehr-yes Westcott-yes, Fliegel –yes, DeShon-yes  
Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0 Motion approved

**MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2019**

Lehr made the motion to approve the minutes. Westcott seconded

**VOTE: Lehr-yes Westcott-yes, Fliegel –yes, DeShon-yes  
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0, Abstain-0.** The minutes are approved.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE ST JOSEPH RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN**

Cale Doornbos with SWT Design joined the meeting through Skype.

Doornbos gave a presentation of the Riverfront Master Plan. The Master Plan is a multiyear concept plan. Five areas were identified and discussed in depth: The North Riverfront, Riverfront Core, The Bluff, The Eco-Link, and the Downtown Riverfront/Robidoux Landing.

There was a brief discussion among the commission members.

Westcott asked if the recent flooding had changed the plan.

Doornbos responded yes of course but the plan has been developed with consideration for future issues recognized.

Jim Weidinger-audience member- asked if the French Bottoms ramp and conservation area were included.

Doornbos stated they were although difficult to see on the drawing. Doornbos stated the drawing would be edited to be more visible.

Ken Reeder-audience member- stated he felt the endorsement vote should not occur. Reeder stated he felt more study should be undertaken. Reeder stated Cook Road access should be the priority over development.

There was discussion among the commission members and Reeder regarding the need to move forward with the endorsement of the master plan.

### **ENDORSEMENT OF THE ST JOSEPH RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN**

Lehr made a motion to endorse the St. Joseph Riverfront Master Plan. Westcott seconded.

**VOTE: Lehr-yes Westcott-yes, Fliegel –yes, DeShon-yes  
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0, Abstain-0.** Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Shipp