

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

A regular meeting of the Downtown Advisory Commission was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 456 Fulton Plaza, Room 420, Peoria, IL, with Commissioner Lenora Fisher presiding as Chairman and with proper notice having been given.

ROLL CALL

Sign in confirmed the following Commissioners:

Present (4): Ray Lees, John Drea, Lenora Fisher, Franklin Foulger

Absent (5): Dorsey Hill, Kari Snyder, Kaveri Rochford, Beau Sutherland, Kamlesh Macwan

City Liaison: Debbie Van Sickle

Others Present: Patrick Urich, Shawn Johnson

MEETING OPENING

Meeting called to order at 4:33 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED

A quorum was not present.

GUEST SPEAKER

City Manager Patrick Urich

GPLC efforts are focusing on the Main to Main between east Peoria and Bradley. In Peoria the focus will be on Main Street between Adams and Monroe Streets. Mayor Ali participated in a program with the Institute of Design and the feedback received was to start on the Central Business District. There are 92 active business and 38 vacant units on Main Street between the river and Bradley University and the 300 block of Main Street is critical. The first series of GPLC grants went to DDC for ground level storefronts and the GPEDC will get a grant to assist filling 2nd floor and above office space. Manager Urich then discussed the various projects occurring downtown including the PNC block RFQ, two-way traffic conversion, the amphitheater and the \$25 million the city is still waiting for from the Rebuild Illinois grant.

Fulton Plaza suggestions from commission members included adding string lights and planters. CM Urich informed the commission of DDC's receipt of a grant to pay for string lights on SW Adams Street.

NEW BUSINESS

City staff Shawn Johnson provided the commission with lighting options for Fulton Plaza and would like feedback on the preferred option, and he would get quotes for them. Additionally, he stated that Public Works is working on ideas for the softscape for Fulton Plaza that typically cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year. Previous landscaping design proposals for Fulton Plaza were shared with the commission, and they are to review and rank the designs for suggestions to give to PW prior to their annual softscape purchases.

Staff Liaison Van Sickle presented the Downtown Update Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Commission Chair Recommendations included a suggestion to rotate each meeting. No quorum was present, so it was not voted on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Drea to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Downtown Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Debbie Van Sickle, Economic Development Manager and
Staff Liaison