

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

A regular meeting of the Downtown Advisory Commission was held on Thursday, May 14, 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 (5): Ray Lees, John Drea, Lenora Fisher, Kari Snyder, Kaveri Rochford

Absent (4): Franklin Foulger, Beau Sutherland, Dorsey Hill, Kamlesh Macwan

City Liaison: Debbie Van Sickle

Others Present: Shawn Johnson, Will Kenney, Kelsy Martin

MEETING OPENING

Meeting called to order at 4:33 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED

A quorum was not present.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Will Kenney with the Civic Center provided an update on the ongoing renovations. The improvements are designed to make the center more functional and visitor friendly. The project is being completed in two phases of construction, during which temporary tunnels were created to safely move people through the facility. Among the key updates is a new entrance from Fulton Street that will include a vestibule. While the renovations will make the building more energy efficient overall, utility costs are expected to increase as areas that were previously unheated will now be climate controlled. Additionally, the hockey chillers will be completely redone, with nine miles of piping being removed and replaced. The project is expected to be completed by October 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff Liaison Van Sickle presented the most recent Downtown Update Report.

Debbi La Rue provided an update on Fulton Plaza. The City has hired a landscape architect to assist with improvements to the plaza, and stakeholder input will be accepted as part of the planning process. Commissioner Lee requested that the commission be included throughout the process.

Sie Maroon discussed his walkthrough of the plaza at night to take inventory of which lights are functioning and which are in need of repair. On the maintenance front, Scoop Daddy LLC has been cleaning up dog waste at the plaza three times a week. Additionally, the City has renewed their contract with Epic and has added Fulton Plaza to their cleanup schedule.

Will Kenney requested that he be kept informed of any decisions regarding the lamp posts so that the Civic Center is able to match their selection.

The commission conducted a walkthrough of Fulton Plaza to discuss their observations. Topics of discussion included the condition of the pavement and lighting throughout the plaza, as well as noting that the grass and flowers are looking noticeably better this year compared to previous years.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Downtown Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Debbie Van Sickle, Economic Development Manager and
Staff Liaison