

To: Mayor Ali and the Peoria City Council

From: Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC)

Date: September 28, 2021

Re: Riverfront Master Plan Review

Purpose

The Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC) resolved to review the current Riverfront Master Plan as presented by Terra Engineering with the intent of **providing recommendations** to Mayor Ali and the Peoria City Council as they make plans and budget decisions for redevelopment of the Peoria Riverfront.

The Peoria Riverfront is the **key feature** of Downtown Peoria. This is a **singular opportunity** to ensure good design, therefore development must be approached collaboratively, thoughtfully, and creatively if we are to **ensure the viability** of our riverfront, city and region.

Time Fame and Process of Review

August 2020 – presentation of Terra Engineering Riverfront Master Plan

(attachment)

September 2020 – solicitation of public input on the issues related to the Riverfront Master Plan

(attached DAC minutes of September 2020 & letters and emails from public)

October 2020 – DAC commissioners shared feedback on Riverfront Master Plan and public input

(attached DAC minutes of October 2020)

November 2020 – DAC commissioners reviewed summary of priorities and provided recommendations

(attached DAC minutes of November 2020 & Priorities by Mention)

Recommendations (in order of importance)

- 1) Resolve flooding concerns
- 2) Resolve parking concerns
- 3) Coordinate with Peoria Riverfront business owners throughout the process
- 4) Coordinate with the Peoria Park District
- 5) Coordinate with Wayfinding effort
- 6) Ensure significant green space
- 7) Ensure public art inclusion
- 8) Ensure opportunities to shop, gather, play, and learn