

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 23, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Grimes opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2013 – Without objection, the minutes from the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
 - a) There was no report on uniform trail signage system and mile markings because the Committee had not met, but there are plans for the committee to meet again in the near future.
 - b) Mr. Grimes explained an idea by Dan McNeil for an organized ride as a fundraiser for the Duck Creek Watershed Project. After some discussion, the Committee decided that this particular ride would be difficult to plan before April, but the idea of a “Loop Ride” would be one that could be pursued in the near future. There was support from committee members from Davenport and Bettendorf for a spring or summer event.
 - c) Ms. Wine noted that River Action is in the process of creating an updated Riverway Trail Brochure. She extended an invitation to committee members to visit River Action’s office to offer advice on the draft brochure within the next week. She also noted that Ride the River is in its 30th year, and River Action would like to visually represent different segments of Quad Cities trails by painting the segments different colors by the year in which they were built.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf-

Bettendorf City Council has officially approved support for the Bicycle Friendly Community application, which is almost complete. Among the topics that the city will need to address are hiring a bike/pedestrian coordinator and considering adopting a complete streets ordinance. In regard to the Riverfront Trail extension, Shive-Hattery is looking at alignment for the segment. The city will need to acquire and additional right-of-way.

Bi-State-

It was noted that the Bi-State Transportation Policy Committee provided formal comments on future funding alternatives developed by Iowa DOT at the request of the governor. One comment was made related to retaining the competitive \$3 million State Recreation Trail program rather than combining this funding with transit dollars for a total of \$6 million to be

allocated at the discretion of the DOT Commission. Retaining this separate trail program funding would benefit on-going trails projects.

Buffalo-

Council Member Meador presented to the group a map of the recommended alternative for the location of the MRT extension through the City of Buffalo. It will be a combination of shared roads and separated trails. The next phase in development is the preliminary engineering phase. The most dangerous section, he noted, was the area around the asphalt terminal due to lime dust deposits on the roadway.

Davenport-

The City of Davenport is starting its budget process and is proceeding with goal setting. Alderman Gordon noted that the Davenport in Motion plan is now three or four years old and has not been utilized as much as he would like. He advocates for the plan utilization. Alderman Gordon also added that he has asked staff to consider becoming a Bike Friendly Community, noting that connectivity is a strength in the city. There was also interest in reestablishing technical and/or stakeholder subcommittees based off of the trail portion of the Davenport in Motion plan.

Milan-

There was nothing new to report.

QCBC/League of Bicyclists -

Mr. Mathias reported that the Quad City Bike Club will host an event, RAGBRAI for Rookies. He noted that the next two days would be the Iowa Bike Summit in Des Moines, during which this year's RAGBRAI route would be announced. It is his goal to have the RAGBRAI route follow the American Discovery Trail one year, which would terminate in Davenport. In other business, the Rock River Trail alignment study will be complete by April and will be added to Wisconsin and Illinois DOT maps.

QCCVB-

It was reported that Trails for Illinois will be bringing riders into the Quad Cities on June 28-29 for a ride along the Mississippi River.

5. Other Business

The Illinois Federal Recreation Trail Program deadline will be March 1, and Open Space and Land Acquisition Development will be July 1.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Trail Committee

Date: 1/23/14 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Jason Gordon	City of Davenport	
2. Eric Pobanz	QCCVB	
3. Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission	
4. Jim Mathis	City of Buffalo	
5. Kathy Wine	River Action	
6. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety and League of Illinois Bicyclists	
7. Clayton Lloyd	Missman, Inc.	
8. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
9. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
10. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
11. Annette Ernst	Village of Milan	
12. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
13. Joe Taylor	QCCVB	
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