

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

Thursday, November 17, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.  
Scott County Administration Center  
6th Floor Conference 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 September 22, 2016 – Without objection, the minutes from the September 22, 2016 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Mathias discussed the official opening of the Rock River Trail in June 2017, as indicated on the flyers that were handed out. Carbon Cliff already has Rock River Trail signage to guide trail users along their way. Signs may be ordered from the Rock River Trail Initiative for a small fee. The effort to promote the trail, which includes hiking, bicycling, canoe/kayaking, and scenic byway routes, is going to be led by the communities through which the routes go.

Talks are beginning in trying to have the 2018 Illinois Bicycle Summit hosted in the Quad Cities. The Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to host the conference potentially in concert with a similar event from Iowa. A letter of support from the Trails Committee could be drafted to voice support for the effort.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Grimes discussed the purchase of bike racks that Bettendorf had made by Crawford Company of Rock Island. The purchase of 31 bike racks includes 11 branded racks with the City's "B" logo and 20 unbranded racks. The pre-bent racks are inverted U racks and are durable and easy to use. A one-time cost of \$165 is required for branding, including a one-time set-up fee of \$125 for the laser cut of the logo. Unbranded racks are \$150, however, prices are not guaranteed for other orders. The purchase is part of the city's effort to increase bicycle parking at businesses, which can apply for a 50/50 cost share program of up to \$500 per business toward the purchase and installation of the racks. There has already been considerable interest from numerous shops and restaurants. The Davenport Hilltop Association has also been in contact with Crawford regarding a bike rack purchase of its own.

A discussion of stop and yield sign standards in the Quad Cities was held in light of growing concerns with conflicts between road users. Issues with the growing sidepath network, especially in Bettendorf, raises the concern at driveway crossings. There is currently "Driveways Ahead" signage along the Middle Road Sidepath, but Quad Cities-wide uniformity may increase awareness and safety along the new sidepath routes. A recommendation was made to send a letter to engineers with the reason for concern and suggestions and recommendations to alleviate the problem. It will be part of a larger effort to increase awareness and education of cycling in general. A letter will be drafted by the next Trails Committee meeting in January for further review by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the potential of increasing the number of alternative transportation connections to the Scott Community College (SCC) campus. The campus currently has an 8-foot sidewalk leading up from U.S. 67, but more connections from other directions would benefit students, faculty, and the neighborhoods surrounding the campus. Conversations with Riverdale officials, SCC leaders, and Pleasant Valley High School administration are warranted. Pleasant Valley has plans for expansion, which could tie in nicely to SCC.

4. Committee Member Reports

*Bettendorf–*

The Crow Creek Trail route has been altered somewhat between Middle Road and U.S. 67 to follow existing routes on Belmont Road past Pleasant Valley High School and Scott Community College. The expansion of Veterans Memorial Parkway/Forest Grove Road is continuing with the inclusion of sidepaths along the route.

*Buffalo–*

The MRT project is moving along. Work continues on the west end, which will hopefully be finished by the end of the year. The project has been 20 years in the making.

*Davenport–*

More bike racks will be installed at the Freight House. The racks will include two that will be for fat tire bikes. A can was located outside the Freight House for people to donate toward more bicycle parking.

*Eldridge–*

The city will begin its downtown streetscaping project next spring, which is intended to improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment.

*Princeton–*

Interest in building Princeton's portion of the MRT remains strong. The city will continue to set aside \$10,000 per year toward building the trail. The account will have approximately \$25,000 after the next budget. Neighboring LeClaire has also expressed a growing interest in building a trail.

*River Action–*

River Action is continuing to look for funding for the First Bridge over River Drive in Davenport to create a safe crossing to River Heritage Park. River Action is looking for small construction projects such as picnic tables in coordination with its Ride the River event. It is also hoping to become a Bicycle Friendly Business with the help of Mr. Miller.

5. Other Business – There was no other business.

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD  
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF**

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: November 17, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:45 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No \_\_

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title/Representing:</b>	<b>Contact # or Email:</b>
1. Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
3. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
4. Pat Lynch	Shive-Hattery, Inc.	
5. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Clay Merritt	City of Davenport	
9. Donnie Miller	City of Bettendorf	
10. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
11. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
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