

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

Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 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 November 17, 2016 – Without objection, the minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Grimes asked for nominations for new officers for the Bi-State Regional Trail Committee. James Martin volunteered to become President for a two-year term, and Donnie Miller volunteered to be Vice President. Mr. Taylor moved to formally nominate Mr. Martin as President and Mr. Miller as Vice President of the Committee. Mr. Meador seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch detailed the effort to address the growing safety concerns on sidepaths in the Quad Cities and around the country. Since November's Trail Committee meeting, he has drafted a letter detailing the reasons for addressing safety concerns and sent the letter for review by other engineers at Shive-Hattery. One of the most important issues on sidepaths is the question of stop and yield signs at intersections and major driveways with the primary concern being for bicyclists, who move at faster speeds than pedestrians and may not have time to react to vehicles. Existing guidance on the matter from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is not clear on the subject. Locally, cities plan to continue to expand sidepaths as an alternative transportation and recreation facility to improve quality of life. The Committee wishes to increase education on sidepath safety among drivers, engineers, users, police departments and others, and seeks consistency between communities. The letter, once approved by the Trail Committee, will be sent to the MPO Transportation Technical and Policy Committees for their review and approval.

#### 4. Committee Member Reports

##### *Bettendorf*–

Cross-country ski rentals are now available at Palmer Hills Golf Course. There has been steady interest from local businesses in the bike rack cost share program. The Forest Grove Trail is anticipated to be completed this summer to International Drive, and the Utica Ridge Trail is anticipated to be built this year as well. The MRT extension from Riverdale to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street Court will be finished by June. The City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be completed soon, with the public hearing occurring in February. The City's downtown redevelopment will include a new apartment building where the old motel is. The developer said that trail connections will help make the project more appealing for prospective residents.

##### *Buffalo*–

The City hopes to have the trail completed by the fall, after the project hit several snags during construction last summer and fall.

##### *Eldridge*–

The City will take possession of railroad right-of-way south of town soon. The route will become a rail-trail project in the next few years, after having been identified for decades.

*Princeton–*

The City Council provided another \$10,000 to go toward the construction of the MRT extension. The latest cost estimate for the trail is approximately \$1.3 million. A fundraiser will be held in town two weeks before the Bix 7 race in Davenport and will be promoted as a kind of warm-up for the larger race.

*Quad City Bicycle Club–*

The QCBC will host a RAGBRAI for Rookies event on January 28. The cross-state route will run along the northern tier of the state this year and should be a scenic, 411-mile route.

*Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau–*

The QCCVB, Be Healthy Quad Cities, and Bi-State Regional Commission will present at the International Trails Symposium in Dayton, Ohio in May about the QCTrails.org website and the efforts to promote getting active as part of the PICH grant that was received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The 2017 Iowa Trails Summit will be held on June 16 in Cedar Falls.

*River Action–*

River Action would like to undertake small-scale construction projects, such as benches, ahead of the Ride the River event in June. Mississippi Bend Trikes will be building one of their tricycles at packet pick-up to raise awareness for the group's efforts to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to ride with a volunteer on area trails. River Action is also looking for sponsors for the event.

*Rock Island County Forest Preserve–*

Trail work will be done to improve the facilities this year at Dorrance Park on the north side of Port Byron. Trails at Illiniwek Park are very busy and the hope is that more trails in Dorrance Park will alleviate some of the crowding in Illiniwek. The County is also interested in utilizing trail counters through Bi-State.

5. Other Business – Mr. Miller noted that there will be a Get Out And Trail (GOAT) planning meeting on February 15.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 26, 2017 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. Olin Meador	City of Buffalo	
9. Mike Petersen	Rock Island Forest Preserve	
10. Donnie Miller	City of Bettendorf	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau	
13. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
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