

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

Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Conference Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Martin opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2018 – Without objection, the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. QC Trails Update – Ms. Carkner and Ms. Evans detailed the background and work done by the Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI). A community-wide health assessment will be conducted every few years under direction of the QCHI board. Be Healthy QC is a project team under the QCHI umbrella, and has worked on projects such as Safe Routes to School and QC Trails to promote physical activity. QCHI is continuing to conduct outreach efforts to promote QC Trails. As of March 20, there are 1,831 “likes” of the QC Trails Facebook page. The average number of users per week has increased to 270 in 2018 from 200 in 2017.

QCHI would like to receive input from partners in the community on how to promote QCTrails.org. It would seem the most interested audience for the website would be the “interested but concerned” trail users, who are eager to use trails but may not know the networks or closest trailhead. Defining “success” could be through any combination of factors, such as page views, recurring visitors, trail usage, or site interaction. Moving forward, increased collaboration between QCHI and local communities and organizations on events would strengthen the website. Suggested loop rides would also provide users a new dimension to discover trails in the Quad Cities.

4. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – This year’s GOAT (Get Out And Trail) event will take place Saturday, May 12. The free event is the result of coordination and sponsorship from all of the city parks and recreation departments in the Quad Cities. This year, there may be some disruptions along the route due to construction. Davenport’s Junge Park will undergo sewer construction that will affect the Duck Creek Trail. The Riverfront Trail near Main Street Landing, likewise, will also be affected by sewer construction. Media releases will go out in April.

Davenport was once again selected as the final location for this year’s RAGBRAI. The local organizing committee is debating where the final dip location (where riders dip their tires into the Mississippi River) will be. One potential site is Main Street Landing. That location will bring thousands of people to downtown Davenport, though it may be impacted by construction. Marquette Street is also a possible location and provides easy access to open space in Centennial Park for tents and vendors.

5. Committee Member Reports

Buffalo –

Paperwork for the trail is under audit, and the city has a meeting with the DOT to work out the issues.

Davenport –

Davenport GO, the city’s bicycle transportation plan, is nearing completion. The city will look to endorsement from the health community once it is completed. Phase I of the plan has included recommending the Eldridge connection to the Goose Creek and Duck Creek Trails.

Eldridge –

The city has finished its downtown streetscape project. New bike racks have been installed. Planning and engineering for the new 1st Street rail-trail will begin in the fall. Groundbreaking is expected the following spring.

Princeton –

The city has grown by 25% after the annexation of over 400 acres across the north and south ends of town. Plans for the area includes an environmentally friendly “green” development. The city submitted a grant application to the Riverboat Development Authority to build up available matching funds to leverage larger state and federal grants.

River Action –

River Action will host a Mountain Biking 101 session during Ride the River on Sylvan Island, which is now open to visitors. FORC (Friends of Off-Road Cycling) will be hosting the Sylvan Island Stampede again on April 14 on the island after a multi-year hiatus due to the bridge closure. Ride the River will take place on Father’s Day, June 17. Some River Way kiosks are experiencing yellowing of the plexiglass. The plexiglass for the Rock Island kiosk was replaced at no cost, and other kiosk covers may be replaced as well. Keys to the kiosks may have gotten lost by the individual communities over time, but River Action has the ability to make more keys.

6. Other Business – Bi-State will be hosting an Alternative Fuels Conference on April 3 at Augustana College. Registration is free of charge and includes lunch.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: March 22, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:05 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Nicole Carkner	Quad City Health Initiative	
3. Rachel Evans	Quad City Health Initiative	
4. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
5. Pat Lynch	Shive-Hattery	
6. James Martin	Eldridge	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
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