

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Conference Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Lynch opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2018 – Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2018 meeting. Mr. Herman seconded the motion, which passed.
3. GOAT Recap – Mr. Mathias provided a quick recap of the 2018 GOAT (Get Out And Trail) event to promote trail usage in the Quad Cities. Hosting a stop on the riverfront trail near the Government Bridge from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mr. Mathias spoke to some users as they passed by. Overall numbers were down this year, as the weather on the day of the event was cold and rainy. The river level was high enough to affect the trail, and also may have suppressed turnout somewhat.
4. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events – Mr. Taylor and Ms. Otting Carlson discussed the preparations for RAGBRAI, set to get into Davenport on July 28, the same day as the Bix 7. The final leg of this year's RAGBRAI will run from Iowa City to Davenport. The dip site will be at Marquette Street, and riders will head to LeClaire Park for RAGBRAI Village, where they can relax and take in entertainment. The village will present more of a relaxed lounge atmosphere. Street Fest will be taking place concurrently, where there will be additional entertainment and food and drink vendors. Other vendors will be at the Freight House Farmers Market, and Front Street Brewery will have a tent with food vendors. Satellite parking will be offered to help keep cars out of downtown, as numerous streets will be closed off for the various events. There will be bicycle parking options near Modern Woodmen Park.

River Action's Ride the River event will take place June 17 and feature an Island Adventure theme. Events will take place on Arsenal, Credit, Campbell's, and Sylvan Islands. Games will also be held in LeClaire Park. Last year, 660 people took part in the event. Mr. Mathias noted that the Quad Cities Criterium will take place on Memorial Day in the Village of East Davenport. The course will be 0.75 miles, and the race will include a kids race as well.

5. Committee Member Reports

Port Byron –

The village has installed air pumps at the restrooms located near the riverfront along the Great River Trail. Numerous events will take place in and near Port Byron this summer, including concerts every Thursday night, Baby Blues Fest, Tour de Brew, and a FORC (Friends of Off-Road Cycling) race at Illiniwek Park.

Princeton –

Princeton will again host the Princeton Fives on July 14, two weeks before the Bix. The MRT route through Princeton has gotten substantially longer with the city's annexation of areas north and south of the former city limits. There are now two miles of proposed trail, including a bridge over Bud Creek. A cost estimate will be requested that depicts the cost with and without the bridge, which is expected to be expensive. The city has also worked with the Scott County Health Department to conduct walk audits in town (see below).

Scott County Health Department –

The Health Department has conducted walk audits in Princeton, looking at sidewalk widths, slopes, and cross slopes. AARP has a walk audit tool kit that planners and engineers can use to inform decisions and recommendations based on existing conditions. The walk audit in Princeton looked at ten different intersections and crosswalks. The city has included a sidewalk to a school as part of already-scheduled street repairs on 2nd Street. The city council also approved a nicotine-free park ordinance. Another walk audit was conducted in coordination with the Bi-State complete streets workshop that showed key items of walk audits. The Department and Bi-State are working on sidewalk policies, which launched at the workshop.

6. Other Business – The group discussed consideration of bicycle and pedestrian facilities on major interstate bridges in the Quad Cities Area. Interstates 80 and 280 are ageing, with 80 being thought of as the next major bridge reconstruction. The Bi-State Regional Trail Committee supports connectivity of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the region, and such facilities ought to be considered in the planning and engineering of those projects. A short discussion was also had about Amtrak in the Quad Cities. Currently, the project is in the preliminary engineering, assessments and inspections phase. A visitor center will be located in the passenger station in Moline when the line to Chicago begins operation.

Ms. Otting Carlson and Mr. Taylor noted that the Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to submit a bid to host the 2021 International Trails Symposium. The bid would require a \$10,000 bid fee. The CVB will approach the Bi-State Regional Commission to seek support for the bid. The symposium was held in the Quad Cities in 2006.

The Committee discussed the next meeting date, as it conflicts with RAGBRAI. The group chose to move the meeting date to July 19, one week prior.

7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 24, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:05 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Rachel Evans	Quad City Health Initiative	
2. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
3. Pat Lynch	Shive-Hattery	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Dept.	
6. Molly Otting Carlson	Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau	
7. Bruce Peterson	Ride Illinois	
8. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
9. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau	
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