

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 24, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Martin opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Election of President and Vice-President. – Mr. Schmid explained that elections for Bi-State Regional Trail Committee President and Vice-President take place every two years, and no officer may hold the same office for more than four consecutive years. Mr Mathias made a motion to nominate Mr. Martin as President and Ms. McDonough as Vice-President. Mr. Matthys seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2018 –The minutes from the November 15, 2018 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as written.
4. Quad Cities Metro Bike Map Update – Mr. Mathias described how the bike map has undergone numerous updates over the past decade-plus. The most recent update was led by Donnie Miller on behalf of Ride Illinois in 2016 and was the first map to include a color-coded symbology. Mr. Mathias has met with city representatives from Moline, Rock Island, Bettendorf, and Davenport to gauge input and provide updates to the bicycling infrastructure in the Quad Cities. Incorporating outlying communities such as LeClaire, Buffalo, and Eldridge/Long Grove is desired, but it may extend the map extent too far and make reading the routes in the core Quad Cities too difficult. The goal for this map update is to act as a “bridge” to the next major update that will include and highlight the bike-pedestrian connection on the new I-74 bridge. The Trail Committee discussed possible distribution locations for the maps, and the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Quad Cities Lodging Association could possibly provide good contacts and information.
5. Trails Committee Planning Discussion – Mr. Martin discussed the Trails Committee’s focus and asked for input on the direction of the group. Groups that were mentioned to take part in the committee included the YMCA, Friends of Off-Road Cycling (FORC), and the Cornbelt Running Club among others. Efforts will be made to reach out to the Muscatine Trails Committee. The idea of a regional trails coordinator was discussed to promote the region-wide bicycle and trail network. The committee decided that a strategic planning session would benefit the group, which will take place at the regularly scheduled March meeting.
6. Committee Member Reports

Davenport –

Final edits are being made on the Davenport Go plan and are expected any day. The plan will include a recommended strategy for implementation. The city’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has some items from the plan programmed. The city is outlining the Silver Creek Trail as part of a sewer upgrade project. Most new infrastructure is now including bike infrastructure as a component.

Eldridge –

Preparations have begun to let the First Street Trail project in the spring. Construction may be pushed back until summer 2019.

River Action –

The February edition of the Eddy Magazine will feature trails as its front page story. The Davenport Police Department and Public Works will not support closing River Drive for an open streets event. An appeal may be made to the city council.

Scott County Health Department –

The Health Department received the National Health Department Certification, becoming just the third department in Iowa to receive the designation. Building coalitions was a large part of earning the certification. As such, the department is looking for a partner community to use the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) evidence-based change tool.

7. Other Business – There was no other business.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 24, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

| Name: | Title/Representing: | Contact # or Email: |
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| 1. Chris Johnson | Public; Davenport resident | |
| 2. James Martin | City of Eldridge | |
| 3. Dean Mathias | Quad Cities Bicycle Club | |
| 4. Jim Matthys | City of Buffalo | |
| 5. Christina McDonough | Scott County Health Department | |
| 6. Zach Peterson | City of Davenport | |
| 7. Bryan Schmid | Bi-State Regional Commission | |
| 8. Noah Truesdell | River Action | |
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