

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, July 19, 2005, Noon
LeClaire Civic Center
127 S. Cody Road
LeClaire, Iowa

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joe Taylor*	Ms. Patti McElroy
Ms. Emilie Price*	Mr. Courtland Pieper
Mr. John Gripp	Mr. Doug Reynolds
Mr. Charles Heston	Mayor Vern Spring
Mr. Tim Huey	Mr. Alan Wilson
Mr. Larry Jones	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Doug DeLille	Mr. Tim Knanishu
Ms. Shelli Heister	Mr. Michael Scanlan
Mr. Robert Kalantari	

***Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. to distribute the Certificates of Appreciations for 2004. Certificates were awarded to the following:

The City of East Moline and REEDEM, accepted by Mr. Knanishu
On Two Wheels

Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau
Quad Cities Grand Excursion Local Host Committee

The Mississippi Valley Welcome Center, Mr. Huey accepted on behalf of Pam Black for the Welcome Center and commended her efforts in making the annual Apple Festival and the Welcome Center, in general, such a success.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the May 17, 2005 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting. The minutes of the May 17, 2005 Council meeting were approved as written.
3. Individual Riverfront Reports.

Davenport. Mr. Heston announced the City, with assistance from the QCCVB, is hosting the Delta Queen. There is a public meeting next Wednesday for the Centennial Park Plan prepared by Hargreaves. The Figge Art Museum is scheduled to open on August 6th. A fundraiser for Living Lands and Waters is being held at the Davenport Sailing Club. River Roots Live will take place August 19th and 20th.

East Moline. Mr. Reynolds stated the City is progressing on many projects and adjusting to the new Mayor.

LeClaire. Mayor Spring announced the Holiday Inn Express is open. The levee work is to be completed by the Tug Fest. A new Medic Center has opened. Two new retail stores have opened by Sneaky Pete's. The cornerstone has been laid for the new library.

Moline. Ms. McElroy reported Bass Street Landing is moving along; the plaza is complete and the new Stoney Creek Inn will be finished soon. The Sylvan Island project is progressing slowly.

Port Byron. Mr. Pieper indicated the Village is negotiating to lease, with options to purchase, some old railroad property.

Princeton. Mr. Taylor informed the Council Princeton Days has been revitalized and will be held the last Saturday in August.

QCCVB. Mr. Taylor reported the Illinois Great Rivers Bike Ride would stop over night at Sunset Park in Rock Island on Monday, September 12th. The Midwest Birding Symposium is August 13-15 in the Quad Cities; at least one of the two birders who rediscovered the Ivory-billed Woodpecker will be here. Palmer College's Homecoming is August 1st.

River Action. Mr. Taylor stated River Action's annual golf cart tours are taking place September 8th.

Rock Island. Mr. Gripp noted the Cities of Rock Island and Moline are working with Bi-State to prepare a grant to fund a trail connection to the West Rock River Bridge. Soon the City will have a final design for reuse of the downtown riverfront casino site.

Rock Island Arsenal. Mr. Wilson informed the Council the Arsenal wouldn't know the entire outcome of the BRAC recommendations until September. The 1st Army, moving from Georgia, was in the Quad Cities and liked the Arsenal facility. The ADT bicycle/pedestrian bridge official opening will be held in August.

Scott County. Mr. Huey again acknowledged Ms. Black for her leadership in creating the Apple Festival and also recognized Mr. Taylor for his direction and leadership of the QCCVB. The first meeting for Great Places is this Friday. The Scott County Board has filled Otto Ewoldt's vacancy.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Jones stated the Corps is working with the Isle of Capri on permitting for riverfront projects.

4. Arrangements for Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 27, 2005. Mr. DeLille announced the City of East Moline had expressed interest in hosting the September meeting at the Windmill Family Restaurant. He will work with Mr. Gray and Mr. Taylor on arrangements for the meeting.
5. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.