

Minutes of the
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 27, 2005, Noon
The Windmill Family Restaurant
1190 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, Illinois

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Nathan Gray	Mr. William Nelson
Mr. Ralph Heninger*	Ms. Emilie Price*
Mr. Charles Heston	Ms. Patsy Ramacitti
Mr. Tim Huey	Mr. Doug Reynolds
Mr. Gary Kamp	Mayor Vern Spring
Ms. Patti McElroy	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Pam Black	Ms. Patty Pearson
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***Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order. Ms. Price called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the July 19, 2005 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes.
The minutes of the July 19, 2005 Council meeting were approved as written.
3. Individual Riverfront Reports.

Davenport. Mr. Heston informed the Council that Jodi Patterson will no longer be working at Nahant Marsh. She has accepted a position with the Illinois Extension. Davenport's Comprehensive Plan is in the last draft before going to City Council for adoption. The YMCA is in the process of a rehabilitation study. The bid has been awarded for the East River Drive retaining wall and work should start in late fall.

East Moline. Mr. Gray stated the demolition of the Case Plant is scheduled to begin in March or April 2006. There is interest in the Corridor by two developers.

LeClaire. Mayor Spring announced the Interstate Interchange at I-80 would be open in a week. There are plans to demolish the old gas station and interest in the property. The new City Hall is open. Three new businesses have located near Sneaky Pete's. October 9th is the Apple Fest at the Welcome Center. The DOT approved bump-outs on Cody Road, however it is still undecided on pull-in parking.

Moline. Ms. McElroy reported Bass Street Landing condos and apartments are still planned. The plaza is complete and the new Stoney Creek Inn will be open in two weeks. No new information on the Sylvan Island project. 17th Street improvements are progressing.

QCCVB. Ms. Black said a new Prairie Grass interpretive area will be developed at the Welcome Center. The Midwest Birding Symposium is October 14-16 in the Quad Cities; at least one of the two birders who rediscovered the Ivory-billed Woodpecker will be here. Work is still progressing on the National Trails Symposium to be held in October 2006. She gave an update on the Heritage Corridor and the Silo's and Smokestacks program.

RiverAction. Ms. Ramacitti stated National Scenic ByWay grant will be on the website first of October. It is due in February and requires local review. Interpretive signs are under production and in the process of delivery to the sites. She indicated this area needs a register of historical places. There is a senator requesting \$2 million/year for 10 years for Riverfront development.

Rock Island. Mr. Nelson noted the Cities of Rock Island and Moline are still working on grants to fund a trail connection to the West Rock River Bridge. The City has three designs for reuse of the downtown riverfront casino site. American Discovery Trail has been completed across the Mississippi with the dedication of the Gary Vallem Memorial Bridge. First phase of the cross-town bikeways 38th Street to 31st Avenue to Sunset Park is complete.

Scott County. Mr. Huey said the construction of the new Scott County Jail has begun. From July 1, 2005 to September 26, 2005, Scott County has processed 47 new house permits.

Bettendorf. Mr. Kamp stated the bike trail is complete along the Mississippi River from Leach Park to Davenport. \$71 million in improvements will be taking place in downtown Bettendorf. A hotel will be starting this fall.

Davenport One and Bi-State. Mr. Heninger stated the plan for the Market District was being revised to include housing as part of the plan. Vandewalle and Associates is the consultant. Area is west of Harrison extending to the Centennial Bridge.

4. Arrangements for Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 22, 2005. Bettendorf expressed interest in hosting the next meeting at the Isle of Capri.
5. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.