

**Minutes of the  
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 26, 2010, Noon

Union Station

102 S. Harrison Street

Davenport, Iowa 52801

First Floor Board Room

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Ralph H. Heninger*	Ms. Patsy Ramacitti
Mr. Tim Huey*	Mr. Doug Reynolds
Mr. Bill Nelson*	Mr. Vern Spring
Mr. Charlie Heston	Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Kevin Irby	Ms. Kathy Wine

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Doug DeLille

**\* Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Heninger called the meeting to order welcoming all those in attendance and asked for introductions.
2. Approval of the November 24, 2009 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Ms. Ramacitti made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reynolds. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Presentation – 2040 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. DeLille updated the Council on the status of the 2040 Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan. The Bi-State Regional Commission is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Quad Cities urbanized area and is required to update the plan every five years. Information was presented regarding the various chapters of the plan, the timeline for completion and adoption of the plan, and upcoming public informational and input forums. Maps outlining the non-motorized trails and sidewalk networks were displayed and a summary of the maps was presented to the Council. The updated plan will emphasize livability; sustainability; safety and security; connections and gaps among non-motorized and alternative transportation modes; air quality; and fiscal constraint per SAFETEA-LU guidance. Bi-State staff is in the process of meeting with local jurisdiction within the urbanized area to review and discuss projects to be included in the updated plan.
4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

*Rock Island* – Mr. Nelson announced progress on Schwiebert Riverfront Park is going well and the city may move up installation of the sod. If possible, the park would open by July 4, 2010. A rental policy is being worked out for the park and facilities. Joe Schadler is looking at the possibility of a passenger ferry.

*Scott County* – Mr. Huey mentioned the County is in the midst of the budget process.

*QCCVB* – Mr. Taylor noted the QC Convention and Visitors Bureau is beginning the fiscal year 2011 budget process. Berkley Young will be in the Quad Cities as a guest speaker on February 4, 2010. On January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> the Mississippi Valley Welcome Center will be hosting the last bald eagle watch of the season. This year is the 9<sup>th</sup> annual “Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard”.

*Hampton* – Mr. Irby stated that the Smithsonian display at the Heritage Center was a success. The Village has 3 TIF Districts and \$18 million in development from TIF District 1, which includes the Safe Harbor development, will be back on the tax rolls next year.

*River Action* – Ms. Wine distributed “Save the Date” cards for the 2010 Upper Mississippi River Conference, information on the Environmental Book Club, and 2010 Riverway calendars. River Action is planning an event called Floatzilla involving a floatilla of 1,104 canoes and kayaks in an attempt to break the world record. Floatzilla is scheduled for August 21, 2010, the week of River Roots Live, and currently plans are for the event to be held between river mile 487 and 488 along the Ben Butterworth side of the Mississippi. Staging for the event will start at approximately 2:00 pm. River Action is also working on a brochure for water trails with a first printing of 30,000 copies. Floatzilla and the Quad Cities water trails will be promoted at the Canoecopia event in Madison, Wisconsin from March 12-14, 2010. Additional promotion will occur through advertising in Paddling Magazine and other publications.

*Davenport* – Mr. Heston reported the city is out for bids on the sprayground which is phase III of Centennial Park. The Levee Commission accepted a proposal to study a barge offer from Celebration Cruises. The City Council awarded the River Drive median project. The city purchased the Sports Center and is selling interest in the Weiss Building for a daycare center. Bids for the Credit Island Trail Bridge were \$500,000 over the estimated cost; city will either reject bids and re-engineer or accept bids and value engineer the project.

*LeClaire Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Spring announced that an office building was going up by the Bier Stube.

*MRPC* – Ms. Ramacitti stated there has been no notification to date of scenic byway grants. She encouraged the communities to submit projects for scenic byway funding noting the City of Dubuque received a large grant through this program.

5. Nominating Committee for QCRFC officers. Mr. DeLille referred the member representatives to the Council By-Laws included in their agenda packets. The current slate of officers has served one term and is eligible to serve for another one year term. Mr. Reynolds motioned to nominate the current slate of officers for a second one year term. Mr. Spring seconded the motioned. The motion carried.
6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 26, 2010. A presentation from the Davenport Parks and Recreation Department was suggested for the next meeting. Mr. Heston and Mr. DeLille would collaborate and coordinate with Mr. Ghose, the Davenport Parks and Recreation Director.
7. Other Business. There was no other business
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.