

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, September 28, 2010, Noon

Union Station

102 S. Harrison St.

Davenport, IA 52801

First Floor Board Room

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Ralph H. Heninger*

Mr. Tim Huey*

Mr. Jeff Anderson

Mr. Steve Grimes

Mr. Charlie Heston

Mr. Joel Himsl

Mr. Tim Kammler

Ms. Becky Passman

Ms. Patsy Ramacitti

Mr. Vern Spring

Mr. Joe Taylor

Mayor Robert Wilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Patty Pearson

Mr. Shea Doyle

*** Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Heninger called the meeting to order, welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Approval of the July 27, 2010 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Huey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ramacitti, and the minutes were approved as written.
3. Individual Riverfront Reports –

East Moline – Mr. Kammler reported that they are still looking for a developer for the 140 acre Case IH property. The City is working with the Bi-State Regional Commission on a couple of grants for new trails.

Moline – Mr. Anderson reported that WIU's Quad City Campus is under construction, and the Kone Tower project is moving forward slowly. The Sylvan Island Trailhead Project has been revived by the Moline Park Board. The 5th Street corridor downtown is under construction with new streetscaping.

Rock Island/Modern Woodman – Mr. Doyle, Mr. Huey, and Mr. Taylor jointly reported on the Train Festival 2011 to be held July 21-24, 2011. The Festival committee is anticipating 6-8 steam and modern diesel locomotives to provide various excursions. One trip will be a combined boat/train trip to Muscatine and back to Rock Island. Garden trains and model trains will also be on display under tents in Schwiebert Park. The event website is to go live on 11/1/2011. Mr. Taylor will provide a short program on the event at the November meeting.

Rock Island Arsenal – Mr. Himsl reported on a truck stuck on the Arsenal Bridge. The bevel gears need to be replaced on the Arsenal Bridge this winter after barge traffic is stopped. This will be an \$800,000 project. On October 26, 2010, the on/off ramps will open for traffic

on the Moline-Arsenal Bridge. Work will continue on the rest after that date. A ribbon cutting is set for October 26th. Mr. Taylor will send the invitations to various persons and businesses effected in downtown by the closure.

Port Byron – Mayor Wilson reported that with the help of River Action the riverfront park is almost complete. A sculpture created by artist Skip Willits and reflecting the Tug Fest is being created for the 25th Anniversary of the Tug Fest next summer.

Bettendorf – Mr. Grimes reported the 35th Street project, US 67 to the riverfront, is almost complete. Industrial Park area river trail is almost complete. Bids for additional segments of the river trail will go out in February. The Isle is ok with easements on their property. Riverdale and LeClaire have applied for enhancement monies to extend the bike trail from Alcoa to LeClaire and Princeton in the future. The Bettendorf section will be done in the summer of 2011. River Gulf Grain has moved their operation from Davenport to the Bettendorf Industrial Park.

Davenport – Mr. Heston stated the City is working to redesign the Credit Island Trail Bridge. Phase 3 of Centennial Park is almost complete. The City is now owner of the Q.C. Sports Center. The work on the River Drive median project is almost complete. Some concerns were voiced about not seeing the low concrete points on the planters after it snows. There was one accident where a car ran up onto one the planters. Modern Woodman park flood protection and parking lot will be completed this fall. The ball park will host the All-Star game next year. The levee commission has been successful in relocating River Gulf Grain to Bettendorf. River Gulf did a good job of cleaning up their site. The Freight House lost three businesses. There is now potential for the expansion of the Farmers Market.

Davenport Riverfront Taskforce – Ms. Passman reported on the flood control to the Modern Woodman Stadium. Mr. Huey's wife, Sande, designed the flood protection system. Floatzilla had about 900 participants and did not break the record. Fourteen states were represented at Floatzilla. The Quad City Marathon had record attendance, and a new course record was set.

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Spring mentioned the Buffalo Bill Museum has finished the inside remodeling including 15 new interactive stations to find out the history of the Lone Star. Mississippi Distillers will be online soon. He reminded all about the Apple Fest in October.

Scott County – Mr. Huey reported on the new Digital Flood Plain maps for Scott County. February 2011 will be the adoption of the maps.

QCCVB – Mr. Taylor spoke of the 20th Anniversary of the QCCVB. Keynote speaker will be Shawn Shannon of Radisson USA. Mr. Taylor also reported on the upcoming voting to keep casinos in Scott County on the upcoming ballots. This vote is required every eight years to see if voters are still interested. The local casinos will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of gaming in the Quad Cities. Mr. Taylor has been promoting Davenport as the end point of RAGBRAI 2011 to the RAGBRAI Board Members. The route will be announced at a party in Des Moines on January 29, 2011. RAGBRAI end date is also Bix race day in 2011. Those attending the Bix Race need to book motel rooms prior to January 29th. Mr. Taylor

reported on a new paddle boat being built by American Cruise Lines. It will hold 140 passengers and cruise the Mississippi River. It has a launch date of 2012. There is also talk if a structure that contains floating condominiums. This may be created as a timeshare for use of the facilities.

4. Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 23, 2010 – Mr. Taylor, QCCVB will give a presentation on the 2011 Train Festival.
5. Other Business. There was no other business.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.