

**Minutes of the  
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, Noon

Union Station

102 S. Harrison Street

Davenport, Iowa 52801

First Floor Board Room

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Ralph H. Heninger*	Ms. Becky Passman
Mr. Tim Huey*	Mr. Vern Spring
Mr. William Nelson*	Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Jeff Anderson	Mr. Robert VanHooreweghe
Mr. Steve Clark	Lt. Col. Jared Ware
Mr. Mark Jackson	Mr. Robert Wilson
Mr. Tim Kammler	Ms. Kathy Wine
Mr. Olin Meador	

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Doug DeLille	Mr. Kyle Leist
Mr. Shea Doyle	Ms. Stacy Lentsch
Ms. Lynn Hunt	

**\* Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Heninger called the meeting to order welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Approval of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kammler. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Presentation – 2011 Train Festival. Ms. Hunt and Mr. Taylor informed the Council that 2011 was announced yesterday as the Year of the Train. The Quad Cities will host a Train Festival from July 21-24, 2011. In addition, there will be events all year long promoting Year of the Train such as showing Polar Express at the Putnam IMAX Theater, the Henry Farnam Dinner in March, holiday trains, and other train and railroad events and exhibits. Schwiebert Riverfront Park will be set-up as the main grounds for the Train Festival. There is expected to be eight to ten steam engines and AMTRAK on display showcasing the history of rail to the future of rail. Rail excursion trips will be available to purchase. On Sunday an excursion will be offered to Muscatine aboard the Celebration Belle and returning by trail or vice-versa. One trip to Iowa City is planned for Friday. There is the possibility of a steam locomotive coming in from the west coast. Tickets are available at QCCVB offices. Ticket revenues will be used to cover costs for the event with any extra raised divided between the City of Rock Island, QCCVB, and Train Fest. Visit [trainfestival2011.com](http://trainfestival2011.com) for more details.

4. Individual Riverfront Reports –

*River Action* – Ms. Wine reported on new initiatives including the QC Wilderness, Green Valley Preservation Center, and stated that they were still looking for sponsors for Floatzilla on August 20, 2011.

*East Moline* – Tim Kammler reported that they received ITEP funds to extend the Grand Illinois Trail to Soule Bowl. He stated they are working on developing a trail from Mississippi River out to Sugar Creek and Northeast Park. They are still looking for a developer for the 140 acre Case IH property.

*Moline* – Jeff Anderson reported that WIU's Quad City Campus Phase I is underway with Phase II to begin in 12-18 months. He also reported that the Kone Tower project is moving forward. He reported that the Enterprise Lofts Development had a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 22, 2010 and construction will begin on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets on the north side of River Drive.

*Interstate RC & D* – Mr. Jackson announced that Interstate RC & D received a grant to assist with 7 farmers markets in Iowa and Illinois. The award amount is approximately \$10,000. Mr. Jackson stated that Muscatine is on the top 14 priority list of IADNR Priority and Susceptible Water Treatments. Mr. Jackson discussed connecting the water trails for recreation, site seeing; mentioned a group from Iowa City is developing a water trails plan.

*Buffalo* – Mr. Meador stated that they are working on matching funds for MRT study. He noted there would be a pancake breakfast this Sunday to help raise money.

*Cordova* – Mr. VanHooreweghe stated that they are working on a Riverfront Park. They hope to have the exercise equipment installed by the end of the year. He noted that they received a donated bicycle rack and are pursuing grant money for restrooms.

*Rock Island/Modern Woodman* – Mr. Doyle stated there would be a Gallery Hop on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

*Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark reported that Building 68 is two-thirds complete and that Building 99 is complete. They were granted permission to acquire 27 more domestic leases for soldiers.

*Rock Island* – Mr. Nelson stated they received an award for the design of Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Moline and Rock Island held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new trail connecting to the West Rock River Bridge; Milan is working on south side connection. Mr. Nelson went on to state that they are finishing the design for the Children's Garden at the Botanical Center.

*Port Byron* – Mayor Wilson reported that they completed Phase I of Riverfront Park and will continue to move forward.

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – Lt. Col. Ware reported that they completed the gate change on Buckingham, the 4<sup>th</sup> floor clock tower facility, and plan to finish the 5<sup>th</sup> floor next year.

Lt. Col. Ware stated that senior Core of Engineers will visit the Quad City Area to see facilities for the first time in over 10 years. He went on to note that they appreciate area support for the domestic leasing program for the soldiers.

*Davenport Riverfront Taskforce* – Ms. Passman reported there is a lot of interest at the River’s Edge facility in terms of soccer. She reminded everyone to use the riverfront circulator “The Loop.”

*LeClaire Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Spring mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony a couple of weeks ago for RiverLoft, as well as the distillery opening soon. He also mentioned that LeClaire is having Christmas in the Park December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Spring stated that they were looking in to turning the old coffee shop in Old City Hall into a Mexican restaurant.

*Scott County* – Mr. Huey reported that the theme for the upcoming Upper Midwest Planning Conference (October 19-21, 2011) is “Transportation in a Green Environment.” He noted that they are still looking for sessions.

*QCCVB* – Mr. Taylor reported that the Mississippi Valley Welcome Center is 20 years old and that they are looking for ways to update and modernize the center. April 1, 2011 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Riverboat gambling in QCA and they are working with the casinos for the celebration. Mr. Taylor noted that Jazz Fest is moving to one week later in August and the Bix Festival is moving to August this upcoming year (for just the one year).

5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Location TBD
6. Other Business. Ms. Wine displayed the Riverfront Revival poster and stated that it was created in 1998 and that most of the projects were complete. She wants to create another poster with new projects. The group decided that an objective needs to be written (who, what, when, where, why) so the group knows what they are approving and will plan to discuss at next meeting.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.